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Subject: Re: Central Okanagan Bus Fees
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Dear Catherine,

You will find the compensation amounts for SD23 senior staff within the SOFI report link I sent to you. Please note that **benefits are included in these remuneration figures** ([link](#) - page 7 of 26), so the take-home pay varies from the numbers provided within the document. Again, these wages have to be kept competitive in order to attract quality employees to our large district (the 5th largest in the province, serving over 24,000 students).

The Vernon School District has 9,400 students ([link](#)) and they were granted \$361,049 for their student transportation fund ([link](#) - near bottom of page*). I'm not sure exactly what formula the Ministry of Education and Childcare uses to determine these amounts ([link](#) - it is somehow linked to the rural makeup of a school district), but it is interesting to note that as a school district with a student population over 2.5 times the size of theirs, we do not receive over 2.5 times the funding that they do. That would sure help to alleviate some budget pressures due to transportation costs.

You also mentioned the Quesnel School District. With approximately 3000 students, they receive \$274,209 in transportation funding (same link as above).

Every school district has their own spending priorities based on unique school district needs. Again, should you wish to advocate to the Ministry of Education and Childcare for an increase to our student transportation fund, please do.

I appreciate your concern for our school district.

Sincerely,
Amy Geistlinger

*I realize that this news release is dated 2016, but our transportation funding has remained the same since then. I am assuming (perhaps inaccurately?) that the other districts listed are in the same situation with not having received additional funding since then.