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Dear Mr. Dunford,

I hope this message finds you well. I'm writing to share some thoughts regarding the proposed changes to bus transportation for Saanich Schools, specifically at Cordova Bay Elementary.

Currently, there is no bus route bringing students home from school, leading to parking challenges for parents during pick-up. Many have to arrive 30-40 minutes early, impacting work schedules. If you visited Cordova Bay Elementary school at 2:20 pm you would find parents sitting in their cars, trying to wrap up their work days remotely, and you would watch as parents, who were unable to leave work early, circled the block unable to find a parking spot.

My daughter rides the bus to school in the morning, but there is no bus that can bring her home. I understand the limitation is due to less than 15 children outside the 'walking catchment.' However, accommodating these students on the bus could significantly alleviate parking issues, benefiting parents and reducing stress at pick up. It would also normalize the idea of riding the bus home from school. We observed that when my daughter started to take the bus some of her friends gave it a try too. It is very possible that the number of students riding the bus would increase significantly if there were a bus available to ride.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter and I feel confident that two issues could be solved simultaneously with one thoughtful change to the rules.

Sincerely,

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