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Dear Parents,

For the past several years, Golden Hills School Division has been pleased to offer comprehensive, enhanced transportation services without fees. Even though the jurisdiction is only funded for students who reside more than 2.4 km from their designated schools, currently students who reside as close as .75 km and those who request courtesy space to programs of choice are provided with transportation.

As the demographics of our division continue to change, an increasing percentage of our transported students reside in urban areas and are much closer to their schools than the funded 2.4 km distance. As a result, Golden Hills is ineligible to receive transportation grants for about 25% of the riders (700 students). In order to ensure that all students, and particularly those who reside a considerable distance from school can receive the best service possible, it has become necessary to assess fees which will be implemented in the fall of 2006-07. At this time, fees will be assessed only to those riders for whom the division receives no funding grants, basically those who reside within the 2.4 km distance from their designated school. Fees will be \$100 per student (\$50 for kindergarten) for the year to a maximum of \$225 per family. Based on the distance factor, most town students will be assessed fees. As with other fees, if this represents a hardship, please contact Mr. E. Holt, Deputy Superintendent for a confidential review and possible waiver.

All applicable fees, including those for transportation, will be assessed when you complete the school registration form for 2006-07. For further information, please contact your school principal. More detail about our transportation policy can be accessed on our web site at www.ghsd75.com

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Wilfred Golbeck".

Wilfred Golbeck, Chair
Board of Trustees