

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are writing to inform you of an important change regarding our school bus pass process, starting with the **2025/2026 academic year**. Students **must retain their bus pass from the 24/25** school year as the Cowichan Valley School District will provide only **one** bus pass the **first** time a student is enrolled in the transportation service.

## What's Changing?

Beginning in the 2025/2026 academic school year, bus passes will no longer be reissued annually. Instead, your student will be expected to keep their current pass from 2024/2025 academic year and reuse the same bus pass from year to year.

## **How to Keep the Bus Pass in Good Condition**

To help protect the pass and ensure its longevity, we strongly recommend placing it in a plastic protective cover.

## **Lost or Damaged Passes**

The replacement fee for lost and altered passes is \$10.00. Payment can be made for replacement passes via e-transfer to <a href="mailto:buspasspayments@sd79.bc.ca">buspasspayments@sd79.bc.ca</a> or by credit card at 250-748-1066 ext 276 Replacement passes will be sent with your students afternoon driver.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we implement this new process.