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**To:** "Nathan Davidowicz"  
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This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email. Your correspondence will be forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor, and will form part of the public record of the February 23, 2026, Regular Council meeting. In addition, your email will be shared with the Planning and Development Department.

Please note that this item is on the agenda today for notice only. The item will be on the agenda for Council consideration on March 9, 2026.

Thank you again for taking the time to share your views with New Westminster City Council.

Regards,  
Sarah

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Dear Mayor and Council:

Queensborough School Bus Program

I support better school transportation and the Notice of Motion on your February 22, 2026 agenda.

I have the following comments:

1. Many students in Greater Vancouver spend lots of time and money travelling to/from schools.

In some cases up to 90 minutes one way with up to 4 different TransLink bus routes.

2. Municipalities and School Districts in Greater Vancouver North of the Fraser River are not members of ASTSBC

[The Association of School Transportation Services of B.C..](https://astsbc.org/)

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3. There are about 1800 special yellow school buses in BC about 70% operated by school districts and the rest by third party private companies.

3. The BC government has taken out school transportation requirements out of the SCHOOL ACT in the early 2000s by former Minister Christy Clark.

4. Lots of money is being wasted by having 60 school districts in BC.

Need to amalgamate many of them in the same way the Health Authorities were amalgamated..

Yours Truly

Nathan Davidowicz

7.1 Queensborough School Bus Program Submitted by Councillor Fontaine and Councillor Minhas:

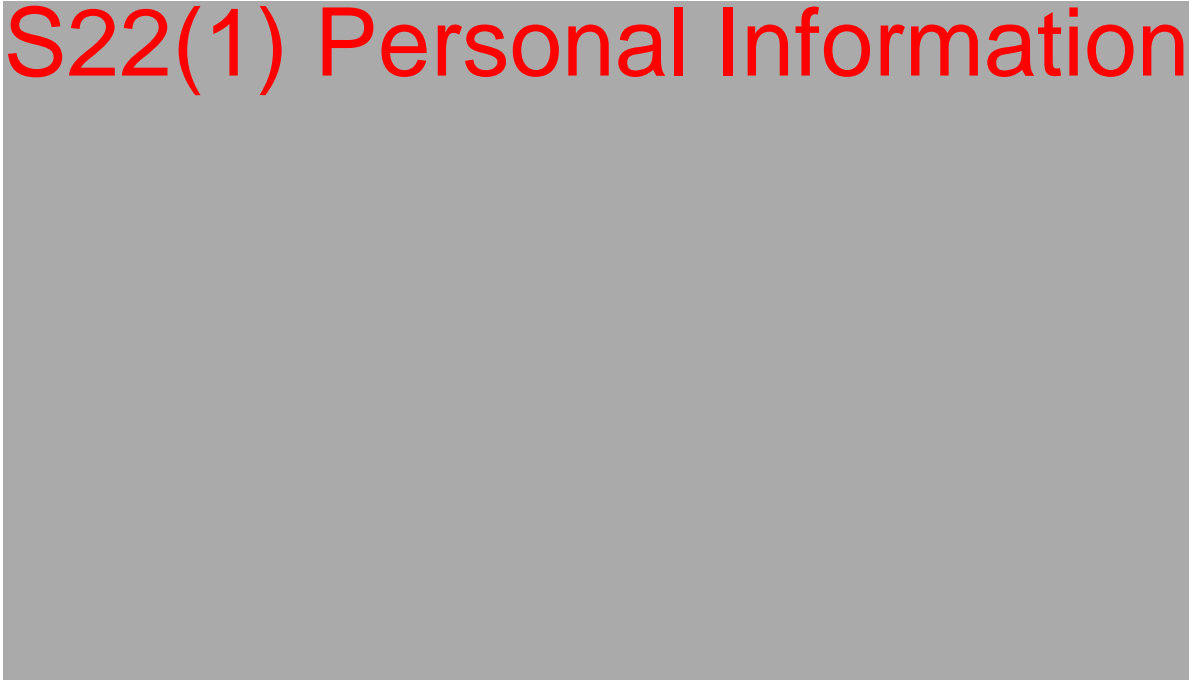
WHEREAS over 230 Queensborough based students and their families rely on the Queensborough bus service to enable students to attend New Westminster Secondary School in a safe, secure and timely manner, without which journeys take three times as long and students are often passed over by overcrowded buses causing them to arrive late or not at all; and WHEREAS a pilot service launched in January 2024 at cost to parents is slated to end on June 30, 2026 despite a campaign promise made on October 8, 2024 that if the NDP government were re-elected, this service would be made 'permanent and free'; and WHEREAS New Westminster is the second most dense city in Canada, with only one high school, and the acceptance of this density should have already unlocked new funding from senior orders of government;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor be requested to write to our three government and opposition MLAs asking they advocate to secure the necessary provincial funding to ensure the Queensborough school bus program becomes 'free and permanent' as previously promised;

and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Mayor write to the Minister of Education and Child Care requesting that additional funding be granted to School District 40 for the Queensborough school bus service to continue and be made permanent (beyond June 30, 2026) and without cost to local families until such time as a new high school is built in the

Queensborough community

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