Calgary Girls' School

June 13, 2016

Dear Parents,

Re: Transportation Fee 2016-17

The Charter Board approved the transportation fee at the Regular Meeting on June 12. We apologize for the delays caused by a late provincial budget and the Board's desire to consider several options that would reduce fees, minimize the impact on service, promote inclusivity and balance the transportation budget.

The good news is that fees will reduce by $70 from $865 to $795. This reduction of around 8% will positively impact nearly 90% of our families. Further, a family rate based on a maximum fee equivalent to two riders will be implemented. While only a few families have more than two daughters at CGS, we want to encourage use of our transportation service.

The less favorable news is that the reduced fee for one-way ridership will be discontinued. The fee of $795 will apply to all riders. It will be helpful for families to know that our transportation costs are based on peak usage. One-way ridership does not yield any cost savings that we could then pass on to parents. We appreciate your recognition that service costs are based on the number of registered riders regardless of the frequency of use.

If you have made the required first payment, an adjustment reflecting the lower amount will be made to the second payment. Refunds will be forthcoming to those who have already paid the full amount. Due to summer closure, the refunds and adjustments may not all be completed until late August.

For families who may be interested in applying for a Transportation Subsidy, the application form can be found at: Transportation Subsidy Application. Please email your completed application form and supporting documents by September 1 to wendy.juergens@calgarygirlsschool.com. You may also drop off the documents at the school office. Please address the envelope to W. Juergens, Secretary-Treasurer.

Regards,

Dianne McBeth
Superintendent