



Dear Parent (Guardian):

February 13th 2018

McGirr Elementary is taking part in City of Nanaimo's School Travel Planning process this school year to address school transportation concerns and encourage and support more students to walk, scooter or cycle on their journey to and from school.

The benefits of active school travel include:

- Increased safety
- Improved health
- Arriving alert and ready to learn
- Less stress, greater happiness
- Less pollution

Please take 8 to 10 minutes with your child(ren) who attend this school to complete this survey. This survey will help to better understand the travel choices made by families at McGirr Elementary with the purpose of improving the safety and health of the school community. **You only need to submit one survey per family and return it by February 16th 2018.**

If you have any questions about the survey or the School Travel Planning project, please contact: Lise Richard at lise@hastebc.org

Thank you,

Gregg Halfyard
Principal



To protect your privacy this survey does not require you to provide your name. *All information will be kept strictly confidential.*

A. Family Transportation Survey

Please include the date (month/day/year) that you filled this survey out

(e.g. February / 7 / 2018): _____/_____/_____

Please complete ONE survey per family.

1. How does your child(ren) **usually** get to and from school?
(If two modes are common, e.g. *walking* and *driving*, choose the one they do **most often**.)

CHOOSE ONLY ONE BOX FROM EACH COLUMN

	TO school	FROM school
Walk / Scooter / Skate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Walk part-way (at least one entire block)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bicycle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
School bus	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public transit (BC Transit)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carpool (2 or more families)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Car (just your family)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If Other (explain) _____

2. Who usually accompanies your child on the way to school?
 Parent /Grandparent Other Adult Sibling Friend Child travels alone
3. How far away from school do you live? If you are not sure, check Google Maps.
 Less than 0.5 km 0.51 to 1.59 km 1.6 to 3 km
 3 km to 4.8 km Over 4.8 km
4. What language does your family speak at home?
 English Japanese Mandarin/Cantonese/Chinese Spanish Vietnamese
 Other: _____

5. Please fill in the age of your child(ren) attending this school.

Child	Age
1	
2	
3	
4	

6. Our neighbourhood is safe for children to walk to and from school. (Please circle one answer).

STRONGLY AGREE

AGREE

DISAGREE

STRONGLY DISAGREE

ONLY ANSWER Questions 7-9 if your child(ren) are usually driven to or from school. If not, please skip to question 10

7. What are the main reasons your child(ren) is/are **usually** driven to/from school?
(Choose up to three)

- Distance from home too far
- Convenience/time pressures
- Traffic safety concerns
- Personal safety issues (e.g. bullying, stranger danger, etc.)
- I'm on my way somewhere else (e.g. to work)
- Weather
- Other (explain)_____

8. I would allow my child(ren) to **walk** to school if... (choose up to three)

- He or she did not walk alone
- There was a better walking route
- There were reduced traffic safety concerns
- He or she were older
- He or she did not live so far from school
- Other (explain)_____

9. I would allow my child(ren) to **cycle** to school if... (choose up to three)

- They did not cycle alone
- There was a better cycling route
- There were reduced traffic safety concerns
- They were older
- They did not live so far from school
- They received bicycle safety training
- They could lock their bicycle in a safe place
- Other (explain)_____

Everyone continue at question 10 below

10. Please share any further comments about your child's journey to and from school.

11. Do you support ongoing School Travel Planning efforts to make the school area safer, healthier and better connected to the community, reducing the number of children travelling to and from school by car?

YES

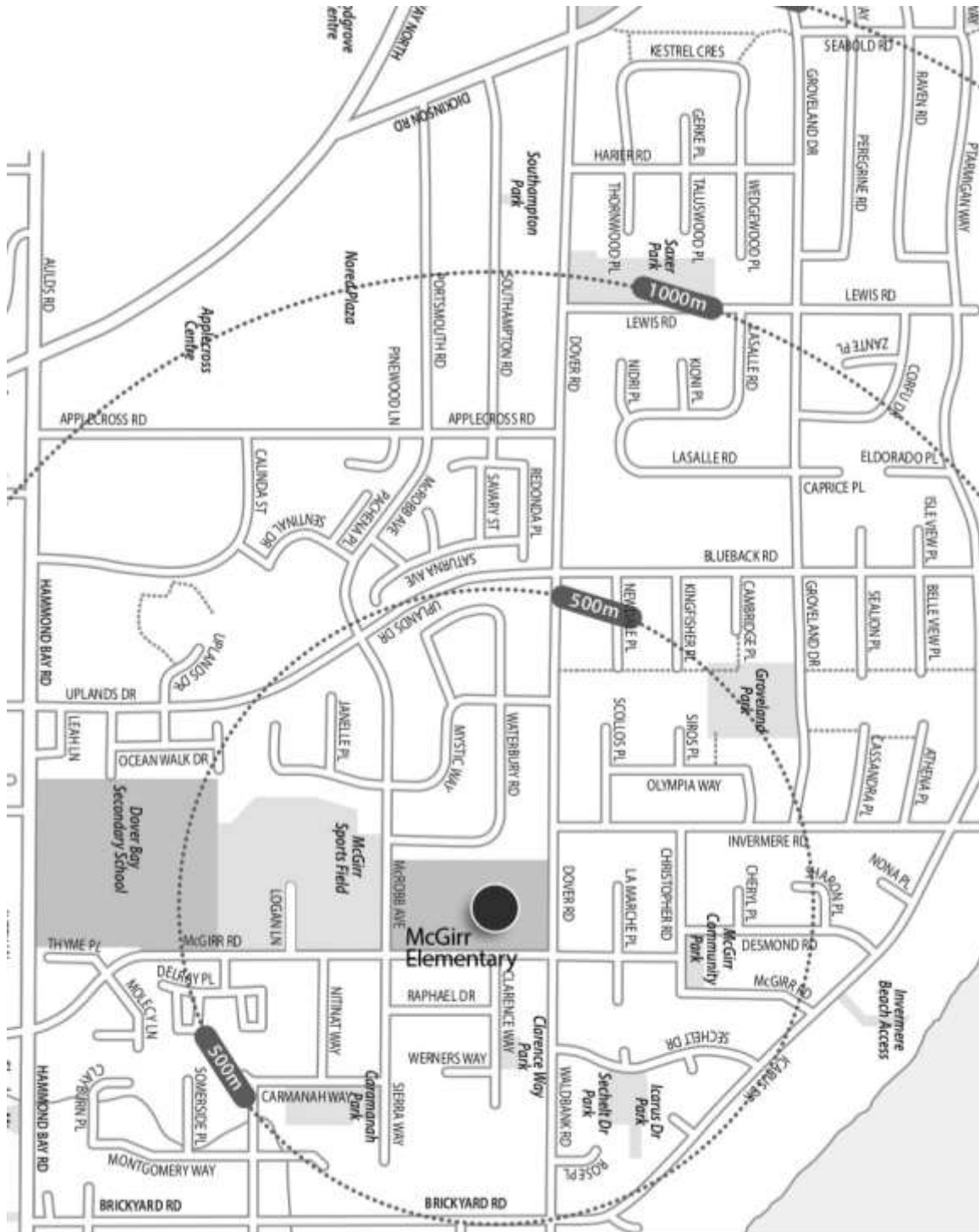
NO

12. If you would like to help with School Travel Planning efforts at your school (for example attend Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meetings or the school Walkabout), please provide your name, email and telephone (Optional: if you prefer to be called) below:

B. Walking / Cycling Routes to School

MAPPING EXERCISE: FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS TO ANSWER AS A FAMILY

Please complete the following map with the **WALKING** or **CYCLING** route your child/children take to get to and from School. If you usually drive please indicate the route **you would** walk or cycle. Identify any locations that are of concern to you with a number (e.g. 1, 2, 3) and describe these in the map below.



Describe any areas of concern in this table.

Location (e.g. nearest intersection)	What do you think is unsafe in this area?
E.g. on ___Rd near ___St	E.g. Cars turn right without looking for pedestrians.
1.	
2.	
3.	

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. PLEASE HAVE THIS SURVEY COMPLETED ON THIS SHEET AND RETURNED TO SCHOOL BY FEBRUARY 16TH 2018

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