



Dear Families,

September 2, 2022

First and foremost, welcome back to another school year, and I sincerely hope you had a safe and restful summer. We're excited to welcome back our students and families for the 2022-23 school year!

We have been informed that we are no longer permitted to store personal floatation devices (life jackets) on our school buses. In years past, we have used luggage racks as a means to store PDFs for student use. Transport Canada has determined that these overhead racks compromise bus safety, meaning that all Tri-County Regional Centre for Education buses must remove luggage racks.

As a result, beginning this year, PDFs (life jackets) will no longer be stored on the school bus. We have been assured that all ferries carry adequate life preserving equipment on each vessel and that our students will have access to life jackets, if needed, on each ferry crossing.

We will accommodate any student/family who wants their child to bring their own life jacket on their daily bus journey. Those who can't afford one will be provided with one if they want. Also, we will work with Islands Consolidated School and its School Advisory Council to ensure a plan is in place and students have a safe space to store life jackets during the school day.

Should you have any questions and/or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Jared Purdy
Regional Executive Director
Tri-County Regional Centre for Education