



# SCHOOL DISTRICT 5

S O U T H E A S T K O O T E N A Y

November 23, 2021

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## **Re: Support for Speed Limit Change Request on Hwy 3 – Jaffray, BC**

Dear Monique and Tina,

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Board of Education of School District 5 (Southeast Kootenay) which at its regular public meeting on November 9, 2021 passed the following motion:

*M/S that the Secretary Treasurer write a letter on behalf of the Board to the Ministry of Transportation and the Regional District of East Kootenay outlining concerns of school bus safety on the Highway #3 corridor from Wardner to Sparwood.*

The School District previously analyzed our bus routes on Hwy 3 in and out of Jaffray in 2019 as sent in previous letters to the Ministry of Transportation dated March 13, 2019 and April 22, 2021. Our bus routes have remained largely unchanged since this time and the speed limit in Jaffray town limits remains an area of concern for the safety of our students.

The safety of our students and bus drivers is paramount and the stretch of Hwy 3 in question to lower the speed limit is supported by the Board of Education of School District 5 (Southeast Kootenay).

"Can you please provide any update on the status of your process to review the speed limits on this section of Hwy 3 as well as any other active reviews related to safety on the Hwy 3 corridor from Wardner to Sparwood (ie. Highway crossings)?"

Sincerely,

Nick Taylor, CPA  
Secretary Treasurer, SD5 (Southeast Kootenay)

cc: SD5 Board of Trustees



**SCHOOL DISTRICT 5**  
SOUTHEAST KOOTENAY

April 22, 2021

Ministry of Transportation  
129 – 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue South  
Cranbrook, BC V1C 2N1

**Re: Support for Speed limit Change Request on Hwy 3 East of Jaffray**

To Whom It May Concern:

School District 5 (Southeast Kootenay) is following up on a previous request asking for a speed limit change to a portion of Hwy 3 east of Jaffray.

Due to the number of close calls and near misses with children and parents in the area, the school district strongly supports the reduction of the speed limit to 70 km to continue for an additional 2.5 km east of Jaffray and increase to the 100 km after the Sand Creek Bridge.

The school district has again analyzed our bus route and we have five bus stops along this stretch of hwy. Our drivers do their best to monitor the traffic for their stops, but there is mainly a disregard of bus traffic rules resulting in many situations of near misses. This stretch of highway has become an immense safety challenge.

The safety of our students and bus drivers is paramount and the stretch of Hwy 3 in question to lower the speed limit is supported by the Board of Education of School District 5 (Southeast Kootenay).

Sincerely,

Joe Tank  
Manager of Operations at SD5

cc:



**SCHOOL DISTRICT 5**  
SOUTHEAST KOOTENAY

March 13, 2019

Ministry of Transportation  
129 - 10th Avenue S  
Cranbrook, BC V1C 2N1

Re: Support for Speed Limit Change Request on Hwy 3 - Jaffray, BC

The Board of Education of School District 5 (Southeast Kootenay) at its regular public meeting on March 12, 2019 passed the following motion:

*M/S that the Board authorize the Secretary Treasurer write a letter to the Transportation of Highways requesting that the 70 km speed limit on Hwy 3 east of Jaffray continue for an additional 2.5 km, and increase to 100 km after the Sand Creek Bridge.*

The School District analyzed our bus routes on Hwy 3 in and out of Jaffray and our data indicates 2 bus routes with a total of 15 stops and 27 students on those two routes. Route 1 covers Dempsey Road/Gorrie to 2016 Hwy 3 and Bus Yard (School) to Galloway Mill Road/Hwy 3.

The safety of our students and bus drivers is paramount and the stretch of Hwy 3 in question to lower the speed limit is supported by the Board of Education of School District 5 (Southeast Kootenay).

Sincerely,

Robert G. Norum  
Secretary Treasurer

cc: Trustees  
Lynn Hauptman  
Rob Norum