

## **Bus Pass Changes**

We are changing the way we issue access to BC Transit services in at DCSS – SP. Instead of requesting a monthly bus pass from the school secretary, students will now be issued a reusable UMO card when they come to purchase their bus pass.

There are many types of passes your child can purchase using the UMO card:

1. 30-day monthly bus pass
2. Punch pass with preset number of rides or
3. The card can be loaded with a custom amount that will be drawn down as students access bus service and tap their cards.

The reloadable card process will be completed by the school secretary as usual with payment by cash or cheque.

Once your child's card is issued, you can create an online account to safeguard against loss where if the card is lost, the remaining balance can be transferred to the student's new card. (recommended)

If students would rather download the UMO app at [Umo \(bctransit.com\)](https://www.bctransit.com) and pay electronically for their bus pass, there is no interaction required with the school secretary. Once you have opened the online account and paid a balance on the account, students will simply tap their phones, instead of their UMO cards, when boarding the bus to ride.

Please note, if you do download the UMO app, student names and email addresses will be recorded as personal information by BC Transit.

For more information, please visit [Umo \(bctransit.com\)](https://www.bctransit.com).

This change will be in place for September 2024.

We know access to bus services is an important part of your child's education and we are here to help transition. Please call Tina Knee at the school or Kim at the Board Office with any concerns.