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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 31, 2018

TO: Parents of Almadina Language Charter Academy Students

FROM: Glenn McClure, Superintendent of Schools

RE: Bus Route Safety and Information

The safety of Almadina children is always the foremost concern of our school administration, teachers, support staff, central office staff and our bus company First Student Canada. To that end, I would like to share some information items with you:

Bus Routes: ALCA is working very closely with First Student Canada to improve bus arrival and exit times. We thank parents for their patience as First Student Canada works through any start-up issues

Students living Outside the ALCA Bussing Boundaries: While we understand that students attending one of our campuses may move to a new location outside of our bussing boundaries, it is not our responsibility to provide new bus routes. Please remember that ALCA is a school of choice for all of you and it is not our mandate to provide bus service if you live outside our jurisdiction.

Bus Safety Practice: With the assistance of school administration, teachers and First Student Canada, the students at both our Mountain View and Ogden campuses have attended instruction and practical training in bus evacuation safety in case of an emergency.

Bus Cameras: ALCA will be installing internal cameras on select bus routes to assist in promoting bus safety. This will begin in November, 2018. The camera information is only available to school administration and a First Student Canada representative. The purpose of the cameras will be to:

- **Promote bus safety rules** – i.e., staying in one's seat, not moving while the bus is in transit, etc.
- **Monitoring student behaviour** – i.e., instances of student bullying and/or physical or verbal harassment.
- **Verifying Incident Reports** – i.e., school administration can view the digital log to verify a concern or issue.

As always, your support and assistance is greatly appreciated.