



PRESS RELEASE

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Six new school bus runs between Abbotsford and Langley

Dear UFV Students,

Over the past two years, SUS has witnessed tremendous growth in the number of students and staff using the Campus Connector Shuttle. Last October, SUS added nine new shuttle runs in response to a growing demand for service. These additional runs were continued this September.

We've been closely monitoring capacity data regarding the number of students and university staff unable to board shuttles. There is typically a short spike in ridership during the first two weeks of September when the U-PASS sticker is not required — we've accounted for this trend in our calculations.

We've also been in extensive discussions with our partners in delivering this service. We met with our contracted shuttle provider, seeking cost-effective methods to increase shuttle capacity. We also met with UFV administration to review operations and discuss qualitative issues connected with any changes to the service.

As a result of these discussions and ongoing review, we are proud to announce a significant expansion of the SUS Campus Connector Shuttle service. This expansion is effective October 1st and should greatly reduce or eliminate students being left behind due to full shuttles. During peak ridership times, we've added a school bus to the shuttle schedule. The school buses have a 56-person capacity compared to the 16-person capacity of the current accessible shuttles.

We've had some barriers to improving the Campus Connector. For example, the initial shuttle schedule and supporting fee were both set and contracted three years ago when ridership was significantly lower. This posed challenges for changing aspects of our service. Furthermore, though we deliberated on school buses in the past to increase our service capacity, we decided against them for accessibility reasons. To address this issue, SUS has ensured that school bus runs are always bracketed between accessible shuttle runs providing regular service for people with accessibility needs. As always, people with accessibility needs are guaranteed a seat on any accessible shuttle bus.

[The new Campus Connector schedule](#) is provided below and will be available on our [website](#) this Monday. Times on the schedule in red text represent the school bus schedule while black text represents the current fleet of accessible SUS shuttles. We have and will continue to do everything in our power to bring cost-effective food service back into our space.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at my email, president@ufvsus.ca, if you have any questions.

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LANGLEY ↔ ABBY October 1st - Dec 4th, 2018 Monday to Thursday Schedule

LANGLEY to → ABBY

Monday to Thursday

- ◆ 56 Passenger Bus - No Wheelchair accessibility
- ◇ 20 Passenger Bus - with Wheelchair Accessibility

ABBY to → LANGLEY

Monday to Thursday

- ◆ 56 Passenger Bus - No Wheelchair accessibility
- ◇ 20 Passenger Bus - with Wheelchair Accessibility

LGY to →	ABBY	ABBY to →	LGY
◆ 7:30am	8:20am	◆ 8:20am	9:10am
7:45am	8:30am	8:30am	9:15am
◆ 9:15am	10:05am	◆ 10:05am	10:55am
9:30am	10:15am	10:15am	11:00am
◆ 10:55am	11:45am	◆ 11:45am	12:35pm
11:15am	12:00pm	12:00pm	12:45pm
1:45pm	2:30pm	2:30pm	3:15pm
3:15pm	4:00pm	4:15pm	5:00pm
5:15pm	6:00pm	◆ 4:30pm	5:20pm
◆ 5:20pm	6:05pm	6:15pm	7:00pm
◆ 7:10pm	8:00pm	◆ 6:20pm	7:10pm
7:15pm	8:00pm	8:05pm	8:50pm
8:40pm	9:15pm	◆ 8:10pm	9:00pm
◆ 9:00pm	9:50pm	9:15 m	9:55pm
9:50pm	10:30pm	10:35pm	11:20pm

-The Friday Schedule will remain the same-
For any questions, contact info@ufvsus.ca