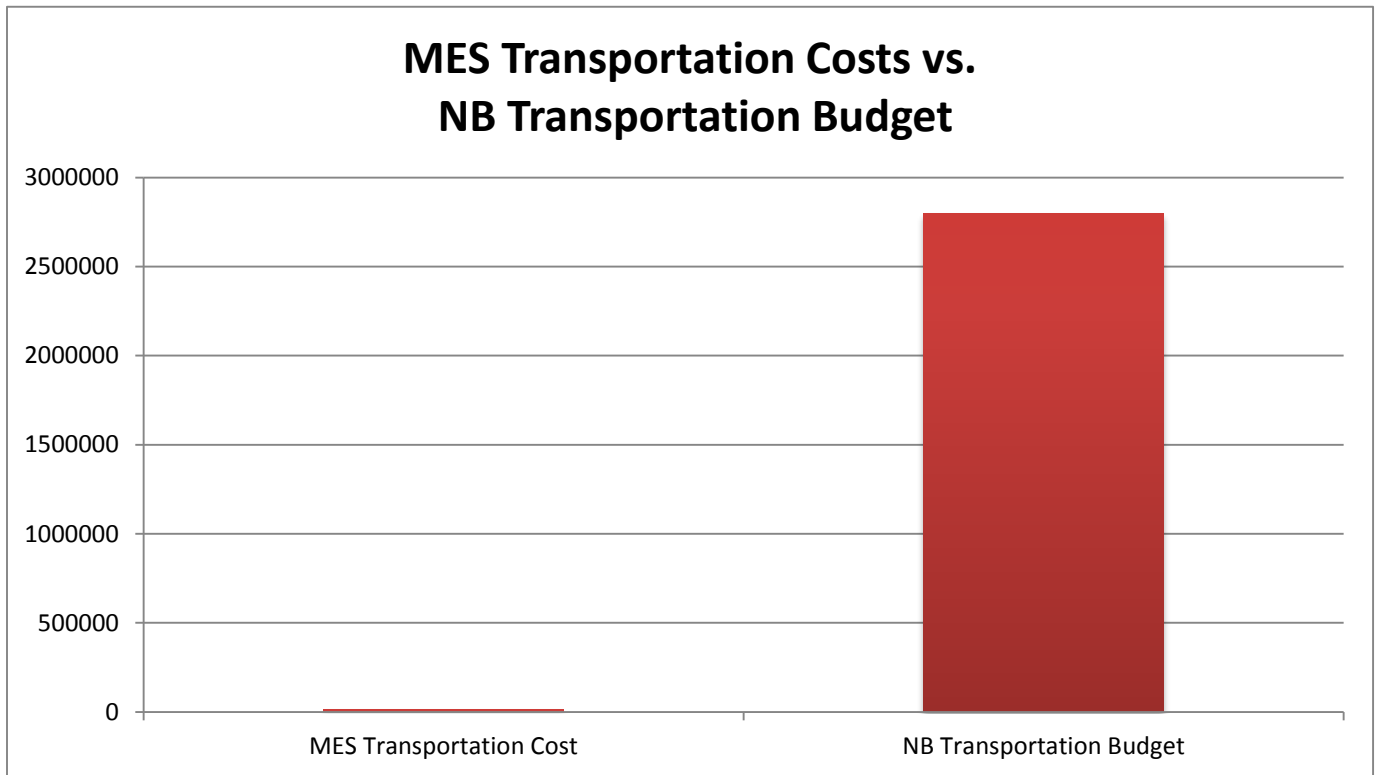


TRANSPORTATION 4

Transportation of Millville Elementary Students

The cost of transporting children to Millville Elementary School is minimal. Buses going to Nackawic travel past here every day. The issue, therefore, is the cost of transporting the students home after school.

The estimated cost for the Millville afternoon bus run is \$13 000.00. This amount appears to be a lot of money, but is calculated to be only 0.002 % of the \$64.8-million allotted for busing in New Brunswick. (March 2015 National Post). This is not a large portion of the transportation budget.



The budget currently supports separate busing for Anglophone and Francophone students living in the same communities. This doubles the cost of transportation in those areas. Therefore, it does not seem justifiable to expect small children to drive long distances to save money. (March 26, 2015 Financial Post Global News)

	Amount of Buses	Amount of Students
2009	1,156	85,000
2014	1,237	74,055
Difference	81 additional buses	10,945 less students

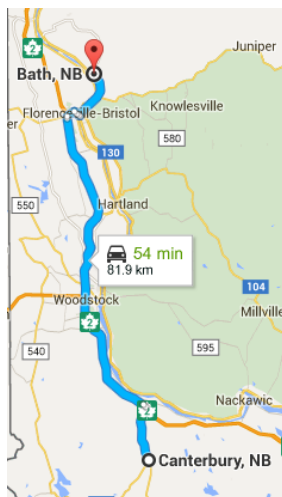
Furthermore, research on rural school closures, indicate closing schools does not decrease transportation costs. Costs continue to escalate due to more students on buses and longer bus runs. These add to the associated costs of fuel and maintenance. (Aims Atlantic Institute)

In spite of consolidating schools in New Brunswick, the amount of buses increased between 2009-and 2014. There were 81 buses added even though student enrollment decreased by almost 11 thousand.

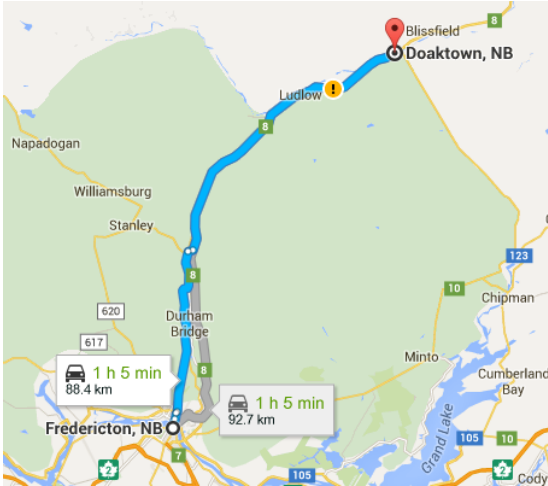
A major concern for our students (4-10 years of age) is the amount of time they will spend on buses reducing their time at home

Data provided from the district states that the longest ride to and from Nackawic would both be 65 minutes each way.

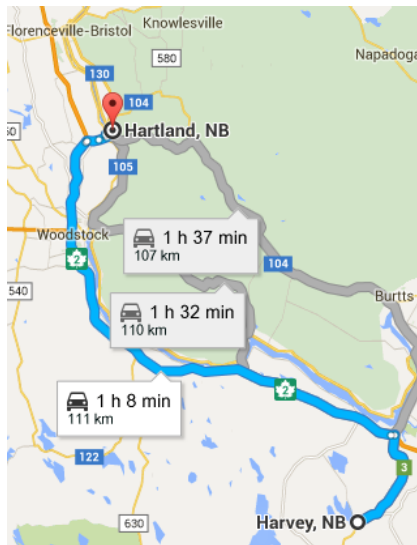
In the 65 minutes that students are sitting on the bus an adult could commute from:



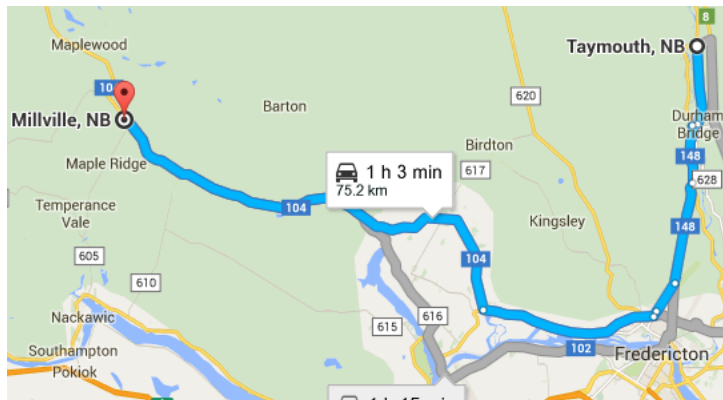
- Canterbury to Bath (50 minutes)



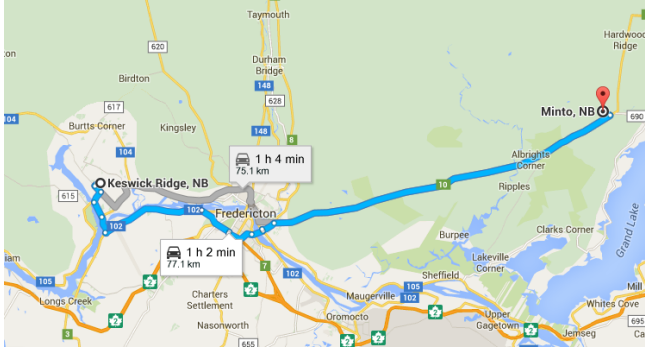
- Fredericton to Doaktown (65 minutes)



- Harvey to Hartland (67 minutes)



- Taymouth to Millville (63 minutes)



- Keswick to Minto (67 minutes)

Imagine driving this amount of time twice a day as a child!

Busing- Time Adds Up	
1 day	2 hours 10 minutes
1 week	10 hours 50 minutes
1 year	401 hours 23 minutes
K-5	2405 hours 39 minutes

Let's look closer at this data:

- 65 minutes twice a day amounts to 2 hours and 10 minutes per day.
- This is equal to 10 hours and 50 minutes per week.
- Over the course of a year (185 school days), students could potentially spend 401 hours and 23 minutes on a bus.

- This totals 2405 hours 39 minutes from the time they enter kindergarten to the time they complete grade 5.

Time Spent from Kindergarten to Grade 5	
2405 hours = 100.2	24 hour days
2405 hours = 200.4	12 hour days
200.4 days = over half a year (54.9%)	

- To put this data in perspective, this is equivalent to a hundred 24 days.
- Considering that young children are awake for 12 to 13 hours a day they would be losing the amount of 200 waking days.
- This time is taken from the time they could be enjoying sports, playing and interacting with family and friends and completing homework.
- By the time they end grade five our students will have spent over half a year on the school bus!

Due to the fact that the Millville students live further away from Nackawic, they will be at the extreme ends of the proposed catchment area. You can see from this data that busing is a major issue for our small children.

The well-being of OUR children is paramount when making decisions about their lives.

It **has to be** about more than **just money**.