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**School's out and transit rides are free**

**Cowichan Valley** – This spring break, BC Transit and the Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) are bringing back the School's Out Transit Special, offering students from kindergarten to Grade 12 eight days of free bus rides in the Cowichan Valley Regional Transit System.

"Spring break is a welcome breather for students," said Manuel Achadinha, President and Chief Executive Officer of BC Transit. "Free access to transit over these eight days will encourage them to experience first-hand how transit can connect them efficiently and effectively to the many activities and destinations the Cowichan Valley has to offer."

To ride for free between Saturday, March 17 and Saturday, March 24, students need only present their valid K-12 student ID at the time of boarding. This transit special also applies to eligible students who are registered with handyDART.

"We want to celebrate the opportunities that local transit provides to connect youth in our communities while they enjoy spring break," said Jon Lefebure, Chair of the CVRD.

The School's Out program will apply to all local routes within the Cowichan Valley Regional District. Commuter routes (66 Duncan/Victoria, 99 Shawnigan Lake/Victoria) and the Saturday-only route 44 Duncan/Victoria will not participate in the program.

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