



Ottawa's post-secondary schools join forces to help students get to class should OC Transpo strike continue

OTTAWA, January 8, 2009 — Ottawa's four post-secondary institutions have joined forces in order to help ensure that students are able to attend classes should the OC Transpo strike continue after the Jan. 8 transit workers' vote.

Algonquin College, Carleton University, La Cité collégiale and the University of Ottawa have agreed to link their respective shuttle services together to allow students from one institution to ride the shuttles of another institution space permitting. The goal is to help students, especially those in joint programs, get to class during the transit strike by collaborating on routes, schedules and pick-up locations. Student associations at some of the institutions are also contributing to the shuttle service.

These limited shuttle services are in no way replacements for OC Transpo, and students are still encouraged to find other modes of transportation to and from their respective schools. Representatives of participating institutions will be meeting regularly to assess the situation.

Ottawa's university and college presidents all recognize that their students face tremendous hardships as a result of the transportation strike.

For more information on the shuttle services, please refer to each institution's website. We strongly encourage students to check these websites regularly as information may change. Current routes may be adjusted to facilitate coordination.

http://www.protection.uottawa.ca/en/added_shuttles.html

<http://www.carleton.ca/>

<http://www.algonquincollege.com/shuttle>

<http://www3.lacitec.on.ca/>

Students are reminded to arrive extra early to access shuttle buses since space is limited. The service will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

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