

End of School Year Transportation Memorandum

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians:

The school year will soon draw to a close and in looking ahead to next year I would like to provide you with the following information on behalf of your School Board and Student Transportation Services of Central Ontario (STSCO).

Accessing Student Busing Information – For the coming school year, families can access busing information via STSCO's website (<u>www.stsco.ca</u>). After August 1st, you will be able to log-in to the website via "Parent Login" to check transportation information for children in your family. For security purposes, it will be necessary for you to have their Ontario Education Number (OEN), found on top right corner of their school report card. STSCO's website also provides useful information about school transportation and bus safety.

<u>Bus Route Changes Over Course of Summer</u> – Each year, STSCO staff plan bus routing for over 26,000 students attending over 120 area schools. In order to meet the needs of all students eligible for transportation and to provide effective and efficient service, many route changes are made from year to year. Therefore, students and families are advised that bus routes and stops could change before September. For this reason it is very important that, leading up to September, you check busing information on our website at www.stsco.ca periodically so that you are aware of any changes which may have occurred.

Student Movement and School Change – For students who may be moving over the course of the summer or who may be changing schools starting in September, please ensure the school your child will be attending has the most up to date information prior to the end of June. This will ensure STSCO receives those changes in our transportation system before posting the new school year transportation information on the STSCO website on August 1st. After August 1st, the new transportation information should be available and will determine your child's transportation eligibility. If the change results in the student being within walking distance of the school of attendance, then the bus information will indicate they are ineligible and are a walker to school.

If you have any questions concerning any of the above information, please call the STSCO office at (705) 748-5500 or toll free at 1-800-757-0307 and speak with a Route Planning Specialist.

All of us at the School Board and STSCO wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable summer and we look forward to serving you in the fall.

Joel Sloggett, C.A.O.





