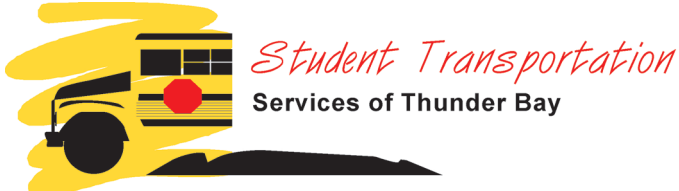
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Statement	STSTB recognizes that French Immersion (FI) programs are not available at every school in the system. Transportation to French Immersion schools is provided for students who attend the FI program and according to transportation policy.
Practice	French Immersion program schools have defined attendance boundary zones much the same as English program schools do and students are assigned transportation to their zoned program school using STSTB's transportation software. Students are coded FI for French Immersion and are assigned busing according to all other transportation eligibility policies and practices. Lakehead District School Board will provide Elementary French Immersion transportation to/from urban and semi-rural areas (generally following within City of Thunder Bay limits in most areas). Transportation to/from areas outside city limits to Elementary French Immersion schools can only be accommodated if timings of the buses servicing the city from rural areas (i.e. high school buses) coincide with the timings of the French Immersion program Elementary schools. Lakehead District School Board Secondary French Immersion program is only offered at Hammarskjold High School. All secondary students in the system, both urban and rural, who are enrolled in this program, are eligible for transportation to and from Hammarskjold and in accordance with all other applicable transportation eligibility practices. Shuttle buses that have been set up for transferring secondary FI students from the south side to their FI program at the

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	northside Hammarskjold High School and back are not intended to provide out-of-zone non-FI students transportation to Hammarskjold. Thunder Bay District Catholic School Board provides transportation to French immersion students to/from urban and rural areas. Other Criteria: • Students attending a French Immersion program must go to their zoned French Immersion program school. • Transportation is provided as long as the student remains in the French Immersion program. • Students who withdraw from the French Immersion program must register and attend their regular English program zoned school by the start of the next semester or school year, whichever is sooner, if they wish to request transportation. Elementary French Immersion program school boundaries encompass multiple Elementary English program school zones. In urban areas buses can travel through multiple English program school zones to deliver students to their designated French Immersion program school. Students attending English program schools are not eligible for transportation on buses transporting French Immersion program students outside of their English program boundary.
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