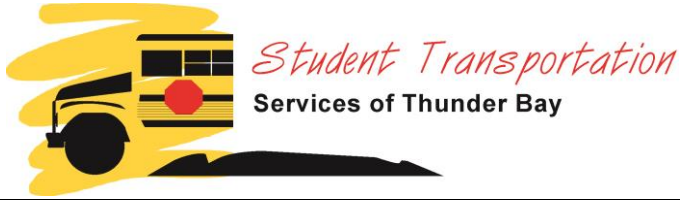
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Statement	<p>STSTB recognizes that students with disabilities may require a Service Animal to be transported with them on a school purpose vehicle as part of their daily life and activities.</p>
Practice	<p>Service Animals assist children who have physical or developmental disabilities with their daily lives and living activities.</p> <p>The Human Rights Code and the Ontarians with Disabilities Act cites the use of service animals as a right of the individual.</p> <p>The Special Education Department shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review the request for the student to use a service animal at school and make inquiries regarding competing rights; and where applicable: 2. Inform STSTB and the school that a student with special needs will be using a Service Animal as part of their daily activities, and 3. Provide STSTB with copies of the documents supporting the use of a Service Animal by the student. <p>STSTB shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consult with the Special Education Department or designate on the special needs of the student and Service Animal. 2. Ensure that the Individual Student Transportation Plan, which will be provided to the service operator prior to commencement of service, specifies where the Service Animal and the student will be located on the vehicle. 3. Notify service provider and organize transportation for

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	<p>student and Service Animal.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">4. Include Service Animal information on the route sheet.5. Coordinate with service provider to ensure that the vehicle has a sticker/sign identifying the presence of a Service Animal on board.6. Coordinate information package with the school principal to be sent home from the school to parents of other children riding the bus the Service Animal will be on (re: allergies etc.)
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