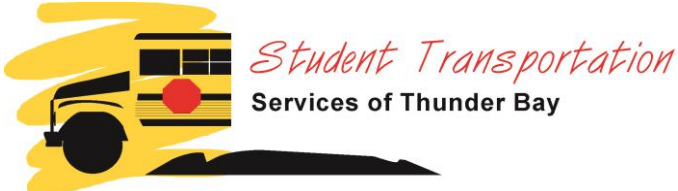
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Statement	<p>STSTB considers both the safety and conduct of students to be of paramount importance. We ask that students, parents, teachers, principals, operators, and drivers cooperate to achieve the common goal of a safe student transportation system.</p>
Practice	<p>To promote and ensure the safety of its students STSTB and affiliated Boards in the consortia have initiated student transportation practices and regulations including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A school bus safety curriculum taught in elementary schools • A minimum of five safety annual school bus driver workshops • Ongoing city-wide school bus safety awareness day • First Rider program held in August of each year • The establishment of the Transportation Safety Advisory Council which meets to review transportation safety issues, when necessary, throughout the year • Safety booklet/pamphlets provided to parents on JK information nights and available year-round at all school offices • The designation of a Transportation Officer – Safety with the responsibility of overseeing safety related programs and issues • Member Boards have established a dedicated budget to support safety initiatives • Emergency Weather procedures updated annually and available in the Media Library to all schools through their Professional Portal login at www.ststb.ca

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	<p>At Bus stop locations, parents/caregivers can assist transportation providers by ensuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students arrive at the bus stop on time and are properly dressed for the weather • Students wait in a safe place well back from the edge of the road • If students must cross the road to board a bus: wait until the bus has arrived, all traffic has stopped, and the driver has signaled that it is safe to cross • Students board the bus using the handrail and in single file without pushing or shoving <p>The safety of children getting to and from bus stops and at school bus stop locations requires consistent and cooperative efforts. STSTB acknowledges the contribution of parents and caregivers who diligently supervise at school bus stop locations. In some instances, children are left unattended. Parents of young children are strongly urged to be at the pick-up and drop-off points each day or arrange for a responsible person to be there. There is no substitute for adult supervision.</p> <p>The principal's responsibility for the safety and conduct of pupils is no less applicable to the school bus than the classroom. Just as pupils in the classroom are directly responsible to the teacher, pupils riding the bus are directly responsible to the driver and, through the driver, to the principal.</p>
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