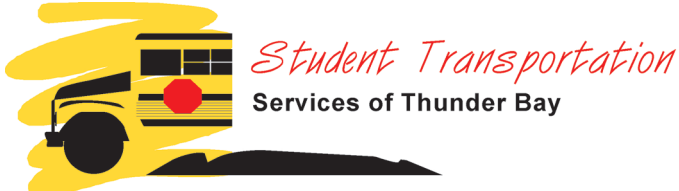
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Statement	Student safety is paramount to STSTB. In circumstances where road or street construction affects normal bus operations and necessitates changes to a route, resulting in students being unable to use their regular bus stop, the following practice shall apply to support the safe transportation of students and minimize service disruptions.
Practice	Road and street closures resulting from construction activities may be communicated in advance to STSTB and/or the contracted school bus operator by municipalities, road authorities, public works departments, or construction companies. If advance notice is not received and STSTB or the school bus operator becomes aware of a road closure, the appropriate municipality, road authority, and/or construction company will be contacted to obtain information regarding the scope, duration, and impact of the closure. Once notified of or made aware of the closure, STSTB, in consultation with the affected school bus operator, will review impacted routes and implement any necessary modifications to maintain safe and efficient transportation services. During the period of the road closure, temporary changes to bus stop locations and/or pick-up and drop-off times may be required. Affected families will be informed of these changes as soon as reasonably possible. In situations where STSTB and the school bus operator have not received advance notice of a road or street closure and a bus is already in service, the driver will immediately notify dispatch. Dispatch will assess the situation, communicate with affected families as soon as possible, and, where practical, establish an

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	alternative safe pick-up and/or drop-off location. Student safety will remain the primary consideration in all decisions related to temporary route modifications.
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