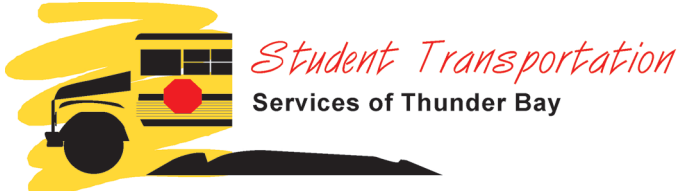
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Statement	Student transportation service bus service may be cancelled due to inclement weather, hazardous road conditions, or other circumstances that may affect the safe operation of transportation services. Parents/guardians are expected to have alternate transportation plans in place when service cancellations occur. When transportation services are operating during adverse weather conditions, the final decision regarding a child's attendance and use of school bus transportation rests with the parent/guardian, who is best positioned to assess local conditions and their child's individual circumstances.
Practice	Procedures for implementing the cancellation of school bus transportation due to inclement weather or unsafe road conditions are outlined in the Transportation Emergency Weather and School Bus Evacuation Procedures Manual. This document is reviewed and updated annually by Student Transportation Services of Thunder Bay (STSTB) and is distributed electronically to school principals, transportation service providers, and member board officials. The manual also outlines the procedures to be followed in situations that arise during the school day requiring the evacuation of a school or the early dismissal of students due to deteriorating weather conditions or other emergency circumstances. <u>Accessing School Closure and Route Cancellation Information</u> Information regarding school closures, route cancellations, evacuations, and other transportation disruptions is

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	communicated through the following channels: • STSTB Snow Closure Information Line: 807-625-1661, updated as weather and road conditions warrant. • Websites and social media: Notices are posted on the websites and social media accounts of STSTB and its member school boards, including www.ststb.ca. • Local Media: Information concerning transportation cancellations and school closures is provided to local radio stations for broadcast beginning with the 7:00 a.m. news reports and periodically thereafter, as required. • Mobile Applications: Subscribers to the STSTB Chipmunk Parent App and the BusPlanner Delays App receive real-time notifications regarding route delays, cancellations, and other service disruptions. Every effort will be made to ensure that closure and cancellation information is available to parents/guardians through the above communication channels prior to 7:00 a.m. <u>Afternoon Transportation Service</u> Except in situations where transportation is cancelled solely due to extreme cold temperatures, school buses that are cancelled in the morning because of weather-related conditions will not operate in the afternoon. <u>Rural Hydro Outage Protocol</u> Procedures related to rural hydro outages are also included in the Transportation Emergency Weather and School Bus Evacuation Procedures Manual.
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