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POLICY 570 PROVISION OF TRANSPORTATION ~~5091 BUS TRANSPORTATION & WALK LIMITS~~

BUS TRANSPORTATION

~~The Board of Education recognizes the rural nature of the School District No. 51 (Boundary) and is a rural district. As safe bus and accessible transportation plays a key role in student learning the provision of education programs for some students, the District is committed to providing safe and efficient transportation in a caring manner.~~

The following factors are considered when determining whether to provide bussing transportation services:

- whether there are sufficient students to justify the service,
- whether road conditions are suitable for school buses, ~~and~~
- the distance affected students live from the nearest school. ~~—~~
- ~~As well, bussing services provided are dependent on~~ available funding ~~(reviewed annually), and~~
- ~~and~~ the need for operational efficiencies.

It is ~~the a~~ parent/guardian's responsibility to determine how their children will safely travel to and from school or to and from the bus pick up and drop off locations.

~~The School Act does not require school districts to provide student transportation services. However, individual Boards of Education, at their discretion, may provide transportation services for certain students to and from school.~~

In accordance with the School Act, transportation for students going to and from school is provided at the discretion of the Board. ~~It will be dictated by Ministry funding guidelines, available funding, and the need for operational efficiencies.~~

It is recognized that bus transportation routes ~~will may~~ not ~~suit satisfy~~ the requests of all parents. The allocation of an accessible bus to a route will be made based on balancing the needs of individual students with the requirement to safely transport all students to school.



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~~The Board will also make every effort to ensure inclusive practices occur for all school activities requiring bussing. If school bus transportation is not practical, the Board may consider providing “transportation assistance” to parents. The needs of students with a disability or diverse ability shall be fully considered in planning transportation services.circumstances~~

REGULATIONS

Guidelines

~~1. Where school bus transportation is established, eligible riders include: School bus transportation may be provided free of charge to:~~

~~1.1. a) A pPrimary (K-3) students residing more than 4.0 kilometres from his/hertheir neighbourhood catchment area school; or~~

~~1.2. b) SA student in grades 4-12 residing more than 4.8 kilometres from his/her their neighbourhood catchment area school.~~

~~1.2.1.3. These distances shall be measured from the nearest passable road to a public the designated school in which therewhere the is a grade level is and placement offered. for the student(s).~~

~~Bus services are sometimes provided to students within the walk limits outlined in section 1 as a courtesy, providing there is available seating on the bus and time in the schedule. Should Eligible riders will always be accommodated over courtesy riders. overcrowding occur, these students will be denied bus transportation.~~

The balance of the policy dealing with student behaviour to move to an Administrative Procedure

~~2. — 2. Bus routes will be reviewed annually with emphasis on safety and efficient use of resources.~~

~~School bus routes are established on the basis of safety and efficiency of service for students who meet the criteria for eligibility.~~

- ~~Route changes must be approved by the Director of Operations or designate~~
- ~~New routes may be considered with a minimum of sixteen (16) eligible students.~~
- ~~Where possible, routes will be designed to minimize the time students spend on a bus.~~
- ~~Routes will be reviewed annually~~



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~~4. Student behaviour is a significant factor in bus travel and safety. Traveling on a school bus is a privilege which may be suspended or revoked for a student not observing Codes of Conduct, and procedures below:~~

- ~~• Wait for the school bus only in the area designated as a school bus loading zone;~~
- ~~• Board or leave a school bus in an orderly manner;~~
- ~~• Remain safely seated until the bus stops at intended destination;~~
- ~~• Be courteous to other passengers and the driver;~~
- ~~• Abide by instructions posted in the bus or given directly by the bus driver.~~

~~5. Also, students who ride buses will be asked to sign a bus riding contract each year. Bus drivers are required to report cases of unacceptable student behaviour to the school principal. Consequences of such behaviour will be as per the District's progressive discipline policy (noted on XXX form).~~

~~6. The bus driver is authorized to:~~

- ~~• Cancel a trip when, in his/her opinion, the current road conditions are unsafe, and continuation of the trip presents a hazard to students on the bus;~~
- ~~• Drive the bus and its riders to a location where a school Principal or District-based administrator can take appropriate action if there are concerns regarding discipline, safety or other exceptional circumstances~~