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Dear Students, Parents and Guardians:

The school year will soon draw to a close and, in looking ahead to next year I would like to provide you with the following information on behalf of your School Board and Student Transportation Services (STSCO).

Accessing Student Busing Information – For the coming school year, families can access busing information via STSCO’s website (www.stsco.ca). After July 18, you will be able to log-in to the website, scroll down to the “Transportation Bus Lookup” item, click on it and check transportation information for children in your family. For security purposes, it will be necessary for you to have their OEN number (found on top right corner of their School Report Card). Busing information will then be displayed on the screen. On the website, you can also learn about bus safety, STSCO and student transportation.

Bus Safety and Emergency Evacuation Training – Periodically, during each school year, bus companies will visit schools to offer training sessions aimed at teaching students bus safety rules and what to do in case of an emergency. The program helps to keep safety in the forefront for students.

Bus Route Changes Over Course of Summer – Each year, STSCO staff plan bus routing for over 26,000 students attending 130 area schools. In order to meet the needs of all transport eligible students and to provide for effective and efficient transportation service, many route changes are made from year to year. Therefore, students and families are advised that their current bus route and stop could change before September as routes are planned for next year. For this reason it is very important that, leading up to September, you check busing information on our website at www.stsco.ca periodically so that you are aware of any changes which may have occurred.

Student Movement and School Change – For students who may have moved over the course of the summer or who may have changed schools, subject to the new address or school information being provided to STSCO by the school involved, the changes will be entered into our transportation system. Once that is completed, when a student or family accesses their bus information on our website at www.stsco.ca the new information will determine transportation eligibility. If the change results in the student being within walking distance of the school of attendance, then the bus information will indicate they are ineligible and are a walker to school.

If you have any questions concerning any of the above information, please call the STSCO office at (705) 748-5500 or toll free at 1-800-757-0307 and speak with the appropriate staff for your area (extension 231 for Clarington, ext. 232 for Northumberland, ext. 242 for Peterborough, ext. 260 for Out of Bounds/Day Care arrangements for all areas, or ext. 241 for transportation of students with special needs for all areas

All of us at the School Board and STSCO wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable summer and we look forward to serving you in the fall.

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