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Dear Parents/Guardians:

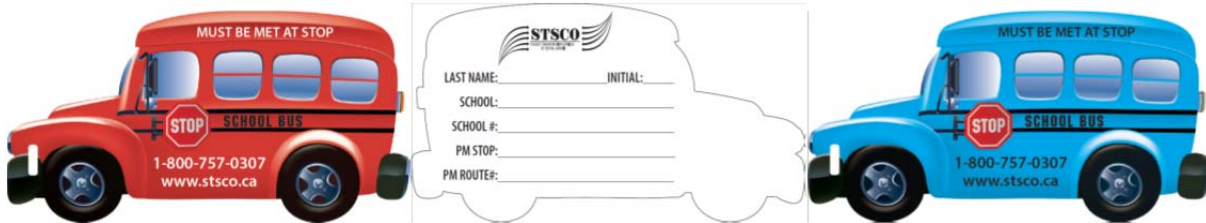
RE: SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION FOR KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS:
VOLUNTARY BUS TAG IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM

In September each year there are thousands of kindergarten students riding on school buses, many of which it is their first time. The safety of these children, as is the case for all students, is of paramount importance to all of us.

As an effective way of making this experience a positive one for new kindergarten students, STSCO is providing “Bus ID Tags” for children entering into kindergarten and grade one who are eligible for school bus transportation. The bus-shaped ID tag will assist all partners (school staff and bus drivers) in identifying our very young students particularly during the very busy period of school start-up in September.

Bus Tag Identification Program Details:

1. The ID tag along with an instructional sheet is available at the school. The tags are colour coded for each School Board. The **blue bus signifies the student is enrolled with a catholic school (PVNC or CSB)** and the **red bus signifies the student is enrolled with a public school (KPR).**
2. Parents/Guardians are responsible to fill out pertinent information on the tags and attach them to their child’s school bag. Parents/Guardians are requested to print clearly and include all of the following information:
 - ✓ Last name of the child
 - ✓ Name of the School
 - ✓ School phone number
 - ✓ Bus route number
 - ✓ Bus stop location
3. Bus ID Tags **should be worn for the first five transported days at minimum.**



4. As parents/guardians, if you decide not to participate in the Bus Tag Identification Program, please return the tag to your school office.

The identification program over the past number of years has been considered by many parents/guardians, schools and bus companies alike as a favourable means to effectively identify and help young students with their transportation needs. Parents are encouraged to participate in this program once again as we continue to provide safe and effective transportation to all students.

We look forward to families supporting the use of the Bus ID Tags to help everyone involved ensure safe and effective transport of our young students.

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Bus Tag application instructions:

1. Using a waterproof, permanent marker, fill in the information on the back of the bus ID tag:
 - a. Student's last name and first initial
 - b. The name of the school they are attending
 - c. The phone number of the school
 - d. The route number of the afternoon bus
 - e. The location of the afternoon bus stop (drop off)
2. Attach the bus ID tag to the student's backpack by wrapping the black loop-strap around the shoulder strap (or through the carry handle on the top of the back pack) and passing the Bus-shaped tag through the black loop strap. Pull to tighten.

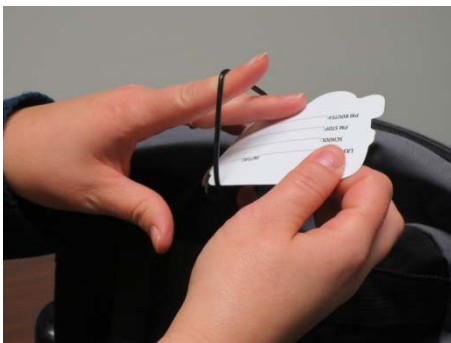
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