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MEDIA RELEASE

Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium Back to School: School Bus Reminder

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As students return to school this September the SCSTC would like to remind all drivers that school buses will be back in full service effective **Tuesday, September 5, 2017**.

In Simcoe County, SCSTC contracted school buses are scheduled to transport over 34,000 eligible students to and from school every day. The majority of school buses in Simcoe County are on the road in the morning from 7 – 9:30 am and again in the afternoon from 2 – 4:30 pm.

As a reminder to drivers:

Take Caution – There will be an increased number of school buses on the roads as students return for a new school year. The SCSTC reminds all drivers to be extra cautious in the vicinity of school buses and around school bus loading and unloading zones.

Be Alert – Watch for school buses' distinctive chrome yellow colouring, flashing red lights and stop arms. Drivers travelling in both directions on a road without a median must stop for a stopped school bus that has its upper red lights flashing.

Know the Repercussions – Any driver that fails to stop for a school bus with its lights engaged is subject to a fine of up to \$2,000 and six demerit points for a first time offence.

Be Empowered – Anyone who witnesses a driver failing to stop for a school bus can report the incident to the police.

Visit the SCSTC web site at www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca and click on the 'Home' button then the 'Safety' tab for more details.

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The Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC) provides student transportation services within Simcoe County for the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) and the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board (SMCDSB). The role of the SCSTC includes contracting bus and vehicle operators on behalf of the SCDSB and SMCDSB.