

1. Policy Information

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2. Rationale

- 2.1. The Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC) policy for Transportation Service Disruption identifies the process and communication when circumstances prevent the SCSTC from transporting students as per their regularly scheduled home-to-school transportation arrangements.
- 2.2. The following are examples of situations that may prevent a school vehicle from transporting students to and/or from home and/or school:
 - 2.2.1. Emergency situations involving weather, police, school, area lock downs, etc.
 - 2.2.2. Road closures due to construction, accidents or conditions where re-routes are not available.

3. Policy Statement

It is the policy of the SCSTC to follow Member District School Boards' policies and procedures as it relates to the process and communication when student transportation services are disrupted. Plans coordinated with the school, school board, school vehicle operator and the SCSTC will be implemented when circumstances prevent the safe transportation of students.

4. Overview

- 4.1. The SCSTC will work with schools, school vehicle operators, school board officials, local authorities and if necessary, the local media to implement and communicate a safe student transportation plan in the event of a service disruption.
- 4.2. In the event students cannot be transported as per their regularly scheduled home-to-school transportation arrangements due to an emergency situation e.g. weather, police, school or area lock downs or a road closure:
 - 4.2.1. Impacting AM home-to-school transportation:
 - 4.2.1.1. The SCSTC will communicate the service disruption to the affected schools and school boards.
 - 4.2.1.2. The SCSTC will provide the school a list of students, based on their primary address transportation assignments, who cannot be transported to school due to the service disruption.

- 4.2.1.3. The school Principal or designate will contact the affected students and their parents and/or guardians.
- 4.2.1.4. Students will be required to make alternate transportation arrangements as their scheduled home-to-school service will not be provided.
- 4.2.2. Impacting PM school-to-home transportation:
 - 4.2.2.1. The SCSTC will communicate the service disruption to the affected schools and school boards.
 - 4.2.2.2. The SCSTC will provide the school a list of students, based on their primary address transportation assignments, who cannot be transported home due to the service disruption.
 - 4.2.2.3. The school Principal or designate will contact the affected students and their parents and/or guardians.
 - 4.2.2.4. The school and the school board, in consultation with the SCSTC and involved local authorities, will make the decision to delay or completely suspend PM transportation.
 - 4.2.2.5. Students may be required to make alternate transportation arrangements if it is determined their scheduled home-to-school service cannot be provided.

5. References

SCDSB Policy 2410 – Transportation

SCDSB APM A1226 – Protocol for Student Transportation During School Lockdown Situations

SMCDSB Policy GP – 13

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