



Southwestern Ontario Student Transportation Services

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Southwestern Ontario Student Transportation Services (“STS”) wishes to remind road users of a “safety first” approach in school areas.

Southwestern Ontario Student Transportation Services (“STS”) would like to remind everyone of a “safety first” approach in school zones. As staff and students go back to school next week, there will be increased vehicular traffic near school sites. Whether you are a motorist, cyclist or pedestrian, the entire community benefits when safety is a communal priority in a school zone. Drive defensively, obey posted speed limits and carefully observe other road users.

STS wants to remind all motorists to obey the law and come to a complete stop when the red signal-lights of a school bus are flashing. There are heavy fines under the Highway Traffic Act for vehicle owners who choose to disobey the law and illegally pass a stopped school bus.

Caregivers are asked to respect school bus loading zones when during pick-up and drop-off times and leave these areas clear for school-purpose vehicles. Help reduce the amount of traffic in near school zones by encouraging active travel (walk or wheel to school or the bus stop) or carpooling. Fewer cars near the school site improves both the environment and safety through reduced congestion.

STS would like to remind bussed families to confirm student transportation arrangements in the online portal at mybigyellowbus.ca over the Labour Day Weekend. With thousands of requests processed the week before school, previously published bus times may have changed. Double check to avoid first day surprises.

We wish you all a safe, happy and healthy return to school next week.

Southwestern Ontario Student Transportation Services (“STS”) is the transportation consortium responsible for the coordination of school bus service throughout Elgin, Middlesex and Oxford counties and within neighboring cities. Every day, 50,000 area students travel by school bus. More than 1,100 school-purpose vehicles travel 7,250 square kilometers of roads to safely transport students daily.