

# STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

QUARTERLY REPORT AUGUST - OCTOBER 2017



1,163 School Bus Routes



639 Full Sized Buses



50,178 Bussed Students

49%

of enrolled students are bus-eligible



Average Distance to School Bus Stop 190 meters



85% ride less than 30 mins  
95% ride less than 45 minutes

## MAJOR ACTIVITIES FOR THE QUARTER



**KILOMETERS TRAVELLED** 4,540,927



**INCLEMENT WEATHER EVENTS** 0

- "First Rider Day" event was held in August. At 5 sites, STS & bus companies welcome JK/Sk riders and their families to learn school bus safety basics and take their first ride together.
- STS answered 4,322 phone calls and responded to 2,309 "Contact Us" submissions through "start-up" - the busy time between mid-August to end of September.
- Reacted to Ombudsman's report "The Route of the Problem" in the local context.
- Completed high-school portion of Distance Based Exemption policy implementation.
- Celebrated School Bus Safety Week, October 16-20. This annual province-wide awareness campaign promotes bus safety and features a School Bus Driver & Monitor Appreciation Day.
- Completed annual fiscal year end process.
- Ontario Association of School Business Officials - Transportation Committee held its annual School Bus Safety Conference in Collingwood, ON.
- Major initiatives released from Ministry of Education: School Bus Rider Training Videos and release of discussion paper on Renewed Vision for Student Transportation.
- MTO announced a pilot project for electric school buses.
- Provincially, concerns were raised from service providers regarding driver recruitment and retention in light of the minimum wage increase in January of 2018.

### What factors impact the cost of student transportation?



ridership



geography



vehicle features



weather



contracts



policy



program

