

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

QUARTERLY REPORT AUGUST - OCTOBER 2018



1,147 School Bus Routes



641 Full Sized Buses



51,341 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 1

- STS answered 2,509 phone calls and responded to 1,099 "Contact Us" submissions through "start-up" - the busy time between mid-August to end of September and had a smooth start-up experience overall.
- Celebrated School Bus Safety Week, October 22-26. This annual province-wide awareness campaign promotes bus safety and features a School Bus Driver & Monitor Appreciation Day, which was held on the 24th.
- Completed annual fiscal year end process for the 2017-2018 school year.
- LDCSB engaged STS to hire a Travel Planner under the Ontario Active Route To School Fund to encourage more students to walk and wheel to school. A media event was held on 24th to introduce Active School Travel to the St Nicholas community. More pilot sites are being selected soon.
- Promoted Walk to School Month in October. Walking or wheeling to school (or school bus stops) increases in-class attentiveness and decreases single-vehicle traffic in school zones.
- STS celebrated its 10th anniversary - Southwestern Ontario Student Transportation Services became an incorporated non-profit on September 29, 2008.
- Intertrain delivered 180 First Rider & Intermediate Rider safety programs at 86 school sites, including "non-bussed" schools because students use bus service when participating in field trips. This training is free for schools and delivered every year as a critical part of STS' safety offerings to the community.
- The Charter Services Division, now in its third year, coordinated 2,284 trips over 39 instruction days. That's almost 59 trips per day!
- STS changed the fog policy to eliminate a 2 hour delay. In the event of fog, buses are now cancelled in the morning but operate in the afternoon.

What factors impact the cost of student transportation?



ridership



geography



vehicle features



weather



contracts



policy



program

