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Dear Parents/Guardians:

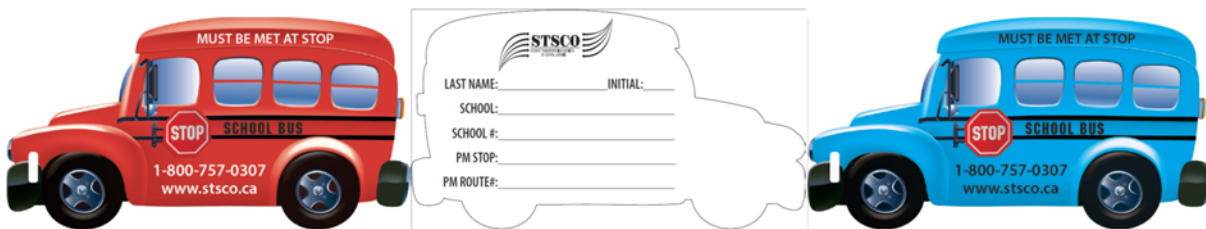
RE: 2015/2016 TRANSPORTATION FOR KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS:
NEW BUS TAG IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM

In September each year there are thousands of kindergarten students riding on school buses, many of which it is their first time. The safety of these children, as is the case for all students, is of paramount importance to all of us.

As an effective way of making this experience a positive one for new kindergarten students, STSCO is providing “Bus ID Tags” for children in Grades JK and SK who are eligible for school bus transportation. The new bus tag program will replace the wristband program which was used for identification purposes in the past. The bus-shaped ID tag will assist all partners (school staff and bus drivers) in identifying our very young students and ensuring they board the right bus and depart at the correct bus stop, particularly during the very busy period of school start-up in September.

Bus Tag Identification Program Details:

1. The ID tag along with an instructional sheet is available at the school. The tags are colour coded for each School Board. **A BLUE bus tag will signify that the student attends a catholic school (PVNC or CSDCCS) and a RED bus tag will signify the student attends a public school (KPR).**
2. Parents/Guardians are responsible for filling out pertinent information on the tags and attaching them to their child’s school bag/knapsack in an easily visible location (i.e. top of knapsack). Parents/Guardians are requested to print clearly and include all of the following identifying information:
 - ✓ Last name of the child
 - ✓ Name of the School
 - ✓ School phone number
 - ✓ Bus route number
 - ✓ Bus stop location
3. **Bus ID Tags should be worn throughout the month of September and as long as possible during the year.**



4. As parents/guardians, if you decide not to participate in the Bus Tag Identification Program, please return the tag to your school office and advise the school of the fact that you will not be using the tag system.

Parents are encouraged to participate in the new bus tag program as we continue to provide safe and effective transportation to all students. Any questions regarding the program or use of the tags can be directed to the STSCO office at the phone numbers below or to our general email address (comments@stsco.ca).

Sincerely,

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BUS TAG IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM

Instructions for filling out the bus tag and attaching it to a student's backpack or book bag:

- Using a waterproof, permanent marker, fill in the information on the back of the bus ID tag:
 - Student's last name and first initial
 - The name of the school they are attending
 - The phone number of the school
 - The route number of the afternoon bus
 - The location of the afternoon bus stop (drop off)
- Attach the bus ID tag to the student's backpack by wrapping the black loop-strap around the shoulder strap (or through the carry handle on the top of the back pack) and passing the Bus-shaped tag through the black loop strap. Pull to tighten.

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