

## Subject: Opt-In for Transportation - New for 2024-2025 School Year

Dear Parent(s) and or Guardian(s),

Starting for the 2024-2025 School Year, STSCO is introducing a new "opt-in" program that will require parents/guardians to confirm their children's intent to ride the school bus if they are eligible for transportation. We realize that some families who are eligible for transportation may not use the school bus system and the purpose of this new program is to allow STSCO to plan more efficient bus routes for only the students who will be using the service.

The "opt-in" process is relatively easy. If you already have a parent account with STSCO, simply sign-in and click on the "parent" drop-down menu and select "ONLINE FORMS & REQUESTS".

If you do not have a parent account, you can easily create one through STSCO's website. Click <u>HERE</u> to get started and once the account is created, you can log in to view the student(s) information STSCO has on file for your child(ren) for the 2024 – 2025 School Year. Please review and check next years school and grade and update, if necessary, before opting-in.

\*\* If a student is missing from your parent portal account, it is likely because the email address used to create the account, is not the same email address on file at school. Please speak to the students' school(s) to confirm your email address on file and be sure to use this same email when you create your account.

## There are 3 ways to Opt-in for transportation.

All eligible students requiring transportation to/from the home address on file please complete the,

 2024-2025 Opt-In for Home to School Transportation Request – Please check your child's grade and school for next year.

Students requiring transportation to/from an alternate address for the purpose of before and after school care please complete the,

2024-2025 Opt-In for Alternate Address (Daycare/Sitter) Request.

Students that live outside the school's transportation boundary that wish to be considered for an available seat please complete the,

• 2024-2025 Opt-In to be considered for Out of Boundary Transportation: requests can only be approved if space allows.

If you are registering a new kindergarten student, please follow the above instructions and use the forms that are noted "New Kindergarten Registration 2024 – 2025 Opt-in Form".

It is important that all Opt-In submissions be completed by families for their child(ren) by May 31, 2024, so they are considered for STSCO's route planning process for September.

For more information on the new "opt-in" form and process, please check our website at <a href="www.stsco.ca">www.stsco.ca</a>. If you do not have access to a computer or if you are having any problems creating an account or opting in, please contact STSCO at <a href="mailto:lnfo@STSCO.ca">lnfo@STSCO.ca</a> or call us at 1-800-757-0307 or 705-748-5500 we are here to assist you.

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