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STATEMENT	<p>The Algoma & Huron-Superior Transportation Services (AHSTS) consortium may offer transportation services to a student for schools located in the student's catchment area.</p> <p>When the AHSTS receives a request for transportation from schools, the consortium will verify transportation eligibility and so inform the school who will then relay the information to the parent or guardian.</p>
PROCEDURES	<p>1. Eligibility by Student's Address</p> <p>A student's address is the legal and permanent place of residence.</p> <p>Students may be picked up or dropped off at locations other than their residence address after approval from the Consortium provided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the locations are within the school catchment area or school program area; and b) the approved pick-up or drop-off locations are consistent every day, Monday to Friday. <p>2. Eligibility by Walking Distances</p> <p>The distances stated below shall be used to determine eligibility. The distances measured will be the shortest, safe walking route along road or walkway from home property to school property. The AHSTS, using transportation software with the appropriate municipal map, will make all measurements for transportation purposes.</p>

a) **SAULT STE. MARIE AREA:**

Elementary Schools:

Transportation will be provided as follows:

Junior Kindergarten students will be provided with door to door transportation when possible;

Senior Kindergarten to grade 3 students who live beyond a distance of **.75 km** from their designated school;

Grades 4 to 8 students who live beyond a distance of **1.5 km** from their designated school;

*Students will be required to walk to and from regular school bus stops. **Only** those students who are eligible for transportation based on the above criteria will be allowed on buses.

Secondary Schools:

Transportation will be provided as follows:

Students enrolled in a **secondary school** who live beyond the distance of **2.25 km** from their designated school.

b) **NORTH AREAS:** (Chapleau, Hornepayne, Wawa
& White River)

Elementary Schools:

Transportation will be provided as follows:

Junior Kindergarten students will be provided with door to door transportation when possible;

Senior Kindergarten to grade 3 students who live beyond a distance of **.75 km** from their designated school;

Grades 4 to 8 students who live beyond a distance of **1.5 km** from their designated school;

*Students will be required to walk to and from regular school bus stops. **Only** those students who are eligible for transportation based on the above criteria will be allowed on buses.

Secondary Schools:

Transportation will be provided as follows:

Students enrolled in a **secondary school** who live beyond the distance of **2.25 km** from their designated school.

c) **EAST AREAS:** (Blind River, Elliot Lake)

Elementary Schools:

Transportation will be provided as follows:

Junior & Senior Kindergarten students will be provided with door to door transportation when possible;

Grades 1 to 8 students who live beyond a distance of **1.6 km** from their designated school;

*Students will be required to walk to and from regular school bus stops. **Only** those students who are eligible for transportation based on the above criteria will be allowed on buses.

Secondary Schools:

Transportation will be provided as follows:

Students enrolled in a **secondary school** that live beyond the distance of **2.25 km** from their designated school.

3. Eligibility by Program:

Students who qualify to attend programs outside their home school catchment area, such as Magnet or French Immersion programs, may be transported according to the above walking distance eligibility criteria.

Students who, during the school year, opt out of these programs will continue to be transported until the end of the current school year. Only those students who will graduate in the following year (grade 8 and grade 12), will continue to be transported the next year.

	<p>4. Eligibility by Health and Safety</p> <p>The AHSTS will consider requests for transportation to students when warranted for health and safety reasons to overcome traffic or other forms of hazards. All such requests must be directed to the appropriate Superintendent of Education.</p>
	<p>5. Web Access as a Service for Parents</p> <p>The AHSTS has provided public access to <i>Web Query</i> (a web based program) which allows determination of a student's eligibility to their school and programs. This is currently accessible on each of the partner board's web sites.</p>