

TORONTO STUDENT TRANSPORTATION GROUP
Report to TDSB Board April 22, 2020

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Since school was closed on March 13, the TSTG has held two conference calls (on March 24 and April 2) to discuss the issue of payment to our bus operators.

Given that bus operators were no longer moving students, the purpose of the calls was to discuss the obligation of the TSTG to continue to pay its bus operators under the existing contract, which does not contemplate schools being closed in this fashion. In the first call, the TSTG decided to continue paying 100% of contract until the end of March. This allowed the operators to continue to pay bus drivers and gave staff time to determine what other boards were going to do going forward, whether the government was going to provide guidance and whether there was going to be any changes to funding.

At the second meeting, more information was available. While the government was not providing guidance on how much to pay, they also did not cut the funding boards receive for busing. In addition, staff was able to survey all the other public board to determine what other boards were doing. There were two basic options - paying operators 100% of the contract or removing the 15% fuel component of the fee (as buses are not running) and pay 85% of the contract costs. The TSTG decided to pay 85% of the contract. Bus operators will continue to pay drivers at 100% which should help with driver retention.

Respectfully submitted

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