



## **P020, Transportation Policy Review: Status Update and Decision-Making Points**

**To:** Governance and Policy Committee

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### **Strategic Directions**

- Create a Culture for Student and Staff Well-Being
- Provide Equity of Access to Learning Opportunities for All Students
- Allocate Human and Financial Resources Strategically to Support Student Needs
- Build Strong Relationships and Partnerships Within School Communities to Support Student Learning and Well-Being

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the report be received.

### **Context**

The purpose of this report is to provide the Board of Trustees with an update, and seek policy direction, on the review of the Transportation of Students Policy (P020) (“the Policy”) (Appendix A).

The Transportation of Students Policy (P020) was adopted by the Board of Trustees on December 16, 1999 and last updated on October 27, 2005. The current Transportation of Students Policy is committed to the provision of safe and reliable transportation for resident students in accordance with the *Education Act*, section 21.

The Policy is being reviewed in accordance with the Policy Review Schedule approved by the Board of Trustees on February 6, 2019 and the Policy Review Process (Appendix B). Within this status update, staff have identified additional areas of the current Policy that require Board of Trustees directions; these decision-making points (Appendix C) are included with this report for the Committee’s consideration. It is important to note, that the decision-making points are suggested options that are

intended to initiate discussions and do not represent final recommendations in the review of this Policy.

While TDSB does work in partnership with TCDSB through the Toronto Student Transportation Group (TSTG), both boards “own” their policies. TSTG will be responsible for implementing the policy as agreed to by the Board though it is important to note that any changes to the policy may impact the number of buses needed and can impact our coterminous board.

## **Action Plan and Associated Timeline**

Based on the Governance and Policy Committee’s directions, staff will revise the decision-making points and bring the document back for decision at the next GPC. Following agreement on the decision-making points, staff will work with the Special Education/Inclusion and the Indigenous Education Department to prepare a draft revised Transportation of Students Policy (P020) and conduct public consultations for a period of 60-days. The draft Policy will subsequently be presented to the Governance and Policy Committee in the 2021 winter cycle for consideration.

## **Resource Implications**

No additional resources will be required for implementation of the revised Policy at this time.

## **Communications Considerations**

Following Board approval, the Policy will be communicated to the system and posted on the Board’s public website.

## **Board Policy and Procedure Reference(s)**

- Transportation of Students Procedure (PR504)

## **Next Steps**

Feedback on policy directions for the revision of the Transportation of Students policy, should be sent to staff by April 16, 2021. Staff would revise the decision-making points based on policy guidance received and present a report at the next meeting of the Governance and Policy Committee.

## **Appendices**

- Appendix A: Transportation of Students Policy (P020) - Current
- Appendix B: Policy Review Work Plan (P020)
- Appendix C: Decision-Making Points for Consideration (P020)

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