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New Web Site and Bussing Hotline Help Answer Questions about Student Transportation

Prescott – Starting this month, information on bussing for the upcoming school year will be just a click or a phone call away, for parents and students in Eastern Ontario.

Student Transportation of Eastern Ontario (STEO) is the newly created transportation consortium for the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario (CDSBEO), and the Upper Canada District School Board (UCDSB). General Manager and Chief Administrative Officer, Ron Cotnam, stated, "STEO has developed a new web site where parents and students can access important information including pickup locations and the name of the contractor serving their area."

Parents and students can visit the STEO web site at <u>www.steo.ca</u>. Parents can then click on the "Find My Bus Stop" button and fill in the required fields to access individual bussing information. This information can be used to contact the bus contractor to confirm pickup and drop-off times.

The site also offers information on school locations, guidelines for parents, bus cancellations, contractor information, bell times, and frequently asked questions. In addition, a school bus safety section has been developed which provides valuable and informative resources.

STEO will also make it easier for parents and students to check on transportation information by maintaining a special bussing hotline. The number 1-866-286-7521 will be active until September 30th.

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For more information, please contact:

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