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POLICY STATEMENT

The Strait Regional School Board recognizes that the school bus is an extension of the school environment. Students are therefore expected to show, while on the bus, the same respect, courtesy, and care for property as they would in and around the school buildings. Principals will inform students of their responsibilities for school bus safety, as well as the consequences of inappropriate conduct.

The Board will enforce the provisions of the Education Act concerning school bus discipline.

Extract from the Education Act SCHOOL BUS DISCIPLINE

("Parent" includes a guardian and a person acting in loco parentis to a child.)

127 (1) The principal of a public school, or such other supervisory person as may be designated by the school board, may suspend a student's right to use the school bus if, in that person's judgement, the student has failed to comply with reasonable rules or regulations of the school board or directions given by the bus driver or if, in that person's judgement, the behaviour of the student while on the bus endangers the safety of others using the bus.

(2) A person who suspends a student's right pursuant to subsection (1) to use the school bus shall report this action immediately to the school board and inform the student's parent by the speediest method convenient of that person's action.

(3) Where the student's right to use the school bus has been suspended for a period of more than two days, the student and the student's parent shall be notified in writing of the reason for the suspension and, where the suspension is for a period of more than five school days, of the right of appeal pursuant to subsection (4).

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(4) Where a student is suspended for a period of more than five school days, the parent of the student or the student, if the student is of the age of majority, may, within seven days of receiving notice of the suspension pursuant to subsection (3), appeal the decision to suspend.

(5) Where a notice of appeal has been received by the school board pursuant to subsection(4), the balance of the suspension shall be stayed until the school board confirms, revokes or varies the suspension.

(6) The school board shall, upon receipt of a notice of appeal

(a) immediately by registered mail notify the parent of the student, or the student, where the student is of the age of majority, of the time and place of the hearing of the appeal; and

(b) within ten days of receipt of the notice of appeal, hold a hearing respecting the suspension and within three school days following that hearing confirm, revoke or vary the decision to suspend.

(7) No parent or other person in charge of any student, having been sent by the school board by registered mail a notice of suspension of the student's right to use the school bus, shall cause, encourage or permit the student to use the bus during the period of time during which the suspension is in effect.