

Toronto District School Board

Toronto Student Transportation Group Annual Report

TO Finance and Accountability Committee 1 March 2016

RECOMMENDATION **IT IS RECOMMENDED that the report be received.**

STRATEGIC DIRECTION Fiscal Stability and Accountability

CONTEXT To receive the Toronto Student Transportation Group (TSTG) Annual Report.

SUMMARY TSTG provides their member Boards (Toronto District School Board and Toronto Catholic District School Board) with an annual report that highlights activities from the past year, along with insight into some of the challenges and opportunities the organization faces. Statistics are provided to summarize a number of transportation areas including finance, special education services, operations, planning and safety. Comments about the statistics are provided to highlight concerns or positive impacts that the transportation unit has identified. Some highlights are provided below:

*The TSTG consortium provides transportation services for approximately 49,000 students in more than 800 schools and centres throughout the City of Toronto. Six different school bus operators provide more than 1700 vehicles to provide transportation services for students with a budget of just over \$83,000,000. The Ministry of Education provided a transportation Grant in 2014-2015 of approximately \$24,000,000 for the TCDSB and \$48,500,000 for the TDSB. Between the two Boards there was an operating deficit of approximately \$10,500,000.

*The TSTG introduced the 'Late Bus Portal' in early 2015 as a means to help better communicate school bus delays for our stakeholders. The late bus portal is a 'first step' in modernizing the consortium's communication plans which will also include in future years a parent portal where parents can look up their child's transportation information and subscribe to the school bus delay system, that will provide notifications of school bus delays that impact the buses and it will be delivered directly to your e-mail or smart phone so there is no need to go searching for the information.

*The Toronto Student Transportation Group provides a number of transportation safety programs in order to educate our students, families and the general motoring public. The inschool program has been in place since 1993 and services approximately 20,000 students each year.

A full background and roster of statistics can be found in the attached report.

APPENDICES

Appendix A: Annual Report

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