



REPORT TO:	Planning and Priorities Advisory Committee
	Public or In-Camera (for Board Meetings only): Public
TITLE OF REPORT:	STS Board Update
PRESENTERS: <i>(list ONLY those attending the meeting)</i>	Cathy Lynd, Superintendent of Business and Treasurer
REPORT AUTHORS:	Cathy Lynd, Superintendent of Business and Treasurer
PRESENTED FOR:	Information
Recommendations: <i>(only required when presented for approval)</i>	N/A
Purpose: <i>(include context)</i>	To update the committee members on the January 7, 2025 STS Board of Directors meeting as per the Planning and Priorities Advisory Committee Terms of Reference.
Content:	<p>The STS Board of Directors met on January 7, 2025. Discussion included:</p> <p>Ministry of Education 2024 Transportation Routing Simulation submitted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required a significant amount of time • Forms the basis for 2025-26 funding • Report submitted by due date <p>Review of Actual Revenue and Expenses compared to Budget for October 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No unusual items noted <p>Bus Driver Shortages Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open routes – 12 open routes in January <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This has remained fairly consistent over the past couple months • Approximately 35 drivers in various levels of training at this time • Overall percentage of daily cancellations remains less than 1% of total daily routes <p>In addition, the annual general meeting was also held on January 7, 2025 with the following noted:</p>

	<p>Bus Driver Shortages (additional comments)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Boards across the province continue to face unprecedented bus driver shortages which has become the new normal since the pandemic • Although we are not facing a significant shortage in our region especially compared to other areas in the province, there are limited bus drivers available • Bus operators continue to actively recruit and train bus drivers <p>Financial Statements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Audited Financial Statements from August 31, 2024 were approved <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Audit was conducted by KMPG ○ No significant risks noted <p>The Annual Report can be found on the STS website at www.mybigyellowbus.ca/reports/.</p>
Financial Implications:	N/A
Timeline:	N/A
Communications:	N/A
Appendices:	N/A

Connection to Strategic Directions:

We value students’ individual educational paths and provide the tools and resources necessary for student achievement including students with special education needs: Choose an item.

To support student achievement, our schools and workplaces must be safe spaces for all: Choose an item.

Our goal is to become Ontario’s leader in education by fostering a culture of innovation and excellence: Choose an item.

To inform our decision-making, we will build positive, trusting relationships across our district by increasing community engagement that is accessible, accountable, and transparent: Choose an item.