



## DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

# Briefing Notes

**Date:** September 26, 2008

**Topic:** Extenuating Circumstance Transportation Request Summary

The TCDSB has always encouraged the use of Transportation Services to assist those families in need. Transportation, as part of Transportation policy ST01 regulation 1: *e) be considered by the school principal for elementary level pupils as a temporary service where individual hardship exists and home to school transportation is the most appropriate response in accordance with the guidelines for extenuating circumstances as established by the Board from time to time;*

With changing demographics and more family members in the work force there is an increased need in the community to assist these families to ensure they can participate in a Catholic education for their children. The table below summarizes the historical number of requests received and processed by the Student Transportation Services Department including data for this September:

	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009
<b>Total Exceptional Requests</b>	1817	(2066)	2022 (2542)	2790	2831 (3072)	2631	3120	3213
<b>Total Granted in Full</b>	1437	(1617)	1428 (1760)	2049	1726 (2042)	1963	2026	2332
<b>Total Granted in Half</b>	239	(245)	253 (329)	384	487 (570)	385	450	409
<b>Did not get Transportation</b>	194	(204)	341 (453)	357	618 (460)	283	644	472
	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009
<b>Total Exceptional Requests</b>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
<b>Total Granted in Full</b>	77%	78%	71%	73%	61% (66%)	75%	65%	73%
<b>Total Granted in Half</b>	13%	12%	13%	14%	17% (19%)	15%	14%	13%
<b>Did not get Transportation</b>	10%	10%	17%	13%	22% (15%)	11%	21%	15%

(parentheses) data refers to November data - everything else refers to September 1st data

Extenuating Circumstance transportation is only provided at 'No Additional Cost to the Board' and students are accommodated on buses that are currently servicing other special needs students in the area. Student Transportation Services places all EXC students in late August and reviews outstanding requests starting in late October and on a monthly basis thereafter. Administrative guidelines have been developed to ensure that the placement of EXC students on bus routes do not negatively impact the effectiveness of the bus route while optimizing the loading capacity of these vehicles.