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Memorandum to: Senior Business Officials

From: Mehul Mehta
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Subject: **2022 Student Transportation Routing Simulation**

To support the review of Student Transportation funding, the ministry is requesting that transportation consortia undertake a round of routing simulation reflecting a common set of reference standards and parameters applied to all boards and consortia.

The attached Student Transportation Reference Standard Guidelines, outline a set of common reference standards for student transportation to determine student eligibility, the mode of transportation, and service parameters – identical to the guideline released last year.

It is important to note that these common parameters are intended to support a standardized measure of need that would be considered in the development of a new funding approach. School boards and consortia will continue to implement transportation policies that may vary from the parameters in the common standard.

As enrolment patterns and transportation needs change from year to year, a routing simulation based on current school year information is expected to yield different results compared to the simulation undertaken last fall.

Consortia are asked to submit completed 2022 routing simulation reports by **December 5, 2022**. Attached appendices provide details on data templates and instructions to submit the results.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact the Student Transportation Unit at student.transportation@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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Director
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c: Transportation Managers

Attachments:

1. 2022 Student Transportation Reference Standard Guidelines
2. 2022 Routing Simulation Reporting Instructions
3. 2022 Routing Simulation Template