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## TRANSPORTATION DISRUPTION SUBSIDY

### Program Overview

The Transportation Disruption Subsidy Program mitigates incremental transportation costs incurred by families when board-provided student transportation is suspended due to an Operator labour dispute. The program is administered centrally by the consortium, applies uniform rules across participating boards, and is designed to operate efficiently at scale. Eligibility is determined at the student level, while all calculations and payments occur at the family (household) level, with one subsidy per family per day.

#### 1. Attendance Verification Framework

Attendance is verified using official school board attendance records. A student must be recorded as present for instructional purposes on the day(s) transportation was suspended due to the labour dispute. Cancellations for other reasons are not included (for example when the school is closed due to a facility issue (power outage), or inclement weather days). The consortium relies exclusively on board-certified attendance data.

#### 2. Distance-Based Subsidy Structure

Subsidies are calculated using fixed distance bands determined once per school year from consortium routing data. Distance bands remain unchanged during the year unless a family relocates. This assumes AM and PM transportation on a given day. Certain situations may require a prorating of the day.

LEVEL	HOMETO SCHOOL DISTANCE IN KM	DAILY SUBSIDY
1	0-10	\$ 5.20
2	10.1-20	\$ 10.40
3	20.1-30	\$ 15.60
4	30.1-40	\$ 20.80
5	40.1-50	\$ 26.00
6	50.1-60	\$ 31.20
7	60.1-70	\$ 36.40
8	>70	\$ 41.60



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### 3. Eligibility

Applicants must be listed as a contact for the student in the respective school board's student information system.

Eligible students include only those students who are assigned to transportation at the time the service disruption begins.

Eligibility status may change during the course of the service disruption. For example:

- a. A new student is added and would have been eligible for and assigned to transportation prior to the service disruption.
- b. A student physically relocates to a new address which would have been eligible for and assigned to transportation prior to service disruption.

Eligibility will be determined beginning on the first day of the disruption and ending on whichever of the following occurs first:

- a. The day the dispute is resolved and full service is reestablished.
- b. The day that the student's route is reinstated notwithstanding the fact that the labour dispute is ongoing.
- c. The day that alternative transportation is provided.
- d. The last day of the school year.

Where there are multiple students from the same household attending the same school, only one application will be accepted for the household.

Where there are multiple students from the same household attending multiple schools, only one application per household is required. Consideration may be given to distance and direction of travel in calculating the payment.

In the case of joint custody, one application may be submitted from each parent/guardian. The applicant must include a detailed schedule of the custodial arrangements in order to be processed. NPSSTS will follow up with individual applicants who identify that they are in a joint custody situation.

### 4. End date for Applications to be submitted

Midnight Friday May 29, 2026.

### 5. Conclusion

This framework provides a centralized, auditable, and scalable model for administering a Transportation Disruption Subsidy Program that meets administrative, audit, and provincial expectations.