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POLICY

SUBJECT: **SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS**

The Board of Education recognizes the important contribution to student transportation and safety made by school bus drivers.

In order to support the best transportation service, the Board has developed the accompanying regulation:



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REGULATION

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In order to support the best transportation service for students, the Board requires the following:

1. Physical Examinations:

All bus drivers employed by School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) will submit to an annual medical certifying as to their fitness to drive a school bus; the cost to be borne by the Board. A written report from the physician shall be submitted to the Board before the driver commences work in September each year.

2. Class 2 Driver's License and Abstract:

Each school bus driver shall submit a copy of their driver's abstract to the Board before the driver commences work in September of each year. If a driver's license expires during the year, the driver is responsible for providing evidence of renewal prior to the expiry date.

3. Traffic Infractions:

All fines and penalties for traffic infractions are the responsibility of the driver and must be reported to the Transportation Supervisor. The Transportation Supervisor will in turn notify senior management who will take the necessary action depending on the severity of the infraction.

4. Use of Medications and Alcohol:

A driver must not consume alcohol or non-prescription medications, including illegal substances, within eight hours preceding the commencement of their shift. If the driver is required to consume prescription medications within eight hours of the shift, the ability to operate the bus must not be impaired. Being impaired means being mentally or physically unable to perform assigned work functions safely due to the use or after-effects of alcohol, cannabis, illegal drugs, prescription drugs, or over-the-counter medications, or any other issue that may impair judgment or performance.

5. Routes and Schedules:

Bus routes and schedules established by the Transportation Supervisor must be adhered to by drivers. Drivers must report any difficulties with routes or schedules to the Transportation Supervisor.



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Speed must be adjusted to suit weather and road conditions. If this requires additional time for the route, it must be reported to the Transportation Supervisor.

6. Propane Filling Ticket

Drivers operating a propane fueled bus must obtain a Propane Filling Ticket authorizing them to fuel the vehicle.