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1. Rationale

Municipalities are responsible under the *Highway Traffic Act* (HTA) for school crossing guards, for their employment and to enforce the HTA. Municipalities are not required to provide school crossing guards nor the funds to schools for school safety patrol members in lieu of crossing guards. Other community organizations such as the police services and Canadian Automobile Association (CAA) may provide training, incentives for safety patrol members, equipment and funds. In the absence of, or to augment the school crossing guard, an elementary school principal may have a school safety patrol program.

2. Policy

It is the policy of the Simcoe County District School Board to promote the safety of students on school buses and when crossing roadways by using school crossing guards where allocated by the municipality. School safety patrol members may be used where no municipal school crossing guards exist. School expenditure for a school safety patrol program must be within the allocated board budget and/or that supplied by community supports.

3. Definitions

- 3.1 Highway - HTA Section 1.1 defines a highway as including a common and public highway, street, avenue, parkway, driveway, square, place, bridge, viaduct or trestle, any part of which is intended for or used by the general public for the passage of vehicles.
- 3.2 School crossing guard - a person sixteen years of age or older who is directing the movement of persons across a highway and who is employed by the municipality or a corporation under contract with a municipality, HTA Section 176 (1).
- 3.3 School safety patrol member - an elementary student volunteer who assists with student safety on school buses or at designated safety patrol locations.

4. Guidelines

- 4.1 School safety patrol members are elementary school students in Grades 6 to 8.
- 4.2 School safety patrol members must be trained in cooperation with the local community police services, where this training is available.
- 4.3 School safety patrol members do not replace the duties of a school crossing guard, such as the control of traffic flow by stopping vehicles.
- 4.4 Student participation in a school safety patrol program will be supported annually by written parent/guardian permission.

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5. Administrative Procedures

The Director of Education is authorized to provide the administrative procedures necessary to implement this policy.

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