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Statement	<p>Pedestrian safety is the responsibility of the local municipality.</p> <p>In situations where the local municipality, at the request of STSBHN or a member board, has not been able to resolve a safety issue, exception transportation may be provided using the following criteria.</p>
Criteria	<p>STSBHN uses the following criteria to make a decision on the safe walkability of a route to and from school. Each item in and by itself does not necessarily warrant such a designation, but a combination of several factors may result in STSBHN determining that a walking route is "exceptional."</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Volume of Traffic – STSBHN takes the volume of traffic into consideration for students that have to cross streets or roads. STSBHN counts the number of vehicles in a 5-minute period and determines the number of gaps within the 5 minute period that would allow students time to cross the road being reviewed; in most cases, the metered width of a road is converted to the time it takes for a student to cross. With this information, STSBHN can make suggestions if an adult crossing guard, student patrol or no intervention is required. Intersections will be visited by staff members of STSBHN to gain a greater understanding of issues surrounding a particular intersection if deemed necessary. 2. Number of Traveled Lanes of a Road – STSBHN considers the number of traveled lanes a student would have to cross. 3. Posted Speed Limits – STSBHN takes into consideration the posted speed limits of a street or roadway 4. Sidewalks – lack of sidewalks are not a consideration for bus transportation in and by itself. Many of the communities STSBHN serves, either by choice or design, do not have sidewalks. The combination of lack of sidewalks and other factor(s), such as higher posted speeds and volume of traffic, may necessitate a road to be deemed exceptional.



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Criteria...continued	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Signalized Intersection or Crossings – STSBHN takes into consideration whether there is a signalized intersection to allow for safe crossing of a student in the absence of a crossing guard or student patroller. 6. Physical Barriers – STSBHN takes into consideration physical barriers such as construction, bridges without sidewalks or railings, unguarded railroad crossings or unprotected waterways. 7. Grade Level of Students – STSBHN takes into consideration the grade level of a student(s) in the area when determining if the path is reasonable to travel. 8. Historical Designations – STSBHN takes into consideration exceptional route designations that have been in place for a number of years. STSBHN reviews each situation independently using the above criteria to determine if the walking routes should maintain an “exceptional” status.
Procedure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. STSBHN will use the above criteria to determine if a walking route is safe for students as part of their regular review process. 2. Exception transportation is reviewed annually unless the need for services are determined to be time sensitive. 3. Parents as well as the Operations Committee member(s) of the impacted Board(s) will be notified of changes to bussing that occur when a determination is made that an exception no longer exists or is no longer warranted.