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Statement	<p>Pedestrian safety, including the placement of Adult Crossing Guards and road and sidewalk maintenance, is the responsibility of the local municipality and/or Region of Halton.</p> <p>In situations where the local municipality has not been able to resolve a safety issue, hazard transportation may be provided using the following criteria.</p>
Criteria	<p>HSTS uses the following criteria to make a decision regarding the provision of 'hazard' transportation. Each item in and by itself does not warrant such a designation, however a combination of several factors may result in the HSTS determining that a walking route is "unusually hazardous."</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Crossing Multi Lane Road – Generally students in grades JK-8 will not be required to cross more than four (4) lanes without the presence of either an adult crossing guard or traffic signals which include pedestrian crossing signals. 2. Posted Speed Limits – HSTS takes into consideration the posted speed limits of a street or road. A safety consideration is given to roads that have posted speed limits above 60 km/hr. 3. Sidewalks – lack of sidewalks are not a consideration for bus transportation in and by itself. Many of the communities HSTS serves either by choice or design do not have sidewalks. The combination of lack of sidewalks and other factors such as higher posted speeds and volume of traffic may provide safety consideration for the walking route. 4. Signalized Intersection or Crossings – HSTS takes into consideration whether there is a signalized intersection with pedestrian signals to allow for the safe crossing of a student in the absence of an adult crossing guard. 5. Physical Barriers – HSTS takes into consideration physical barriers such as bridges without sidewalks or railings and unguarded railroad crossings. 6. Grade Level of Students – HSTS takes into consideration the grade level of a student.



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Procedure	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. HSTS will use the above criteria to determine if a walking route is safe for students in cases where a new school is opened or a school's attendance boundaries have changed requiring students to walk a different route to school.2. Hazard transportation is reviewed annually and may result in the elimination of transportation. <p>HSTS has the sole discretion to determine if a walking route is hazardous for students.</p>
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