



# ***VOLUNTEER DRIVER - AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSPORT STUDENTS***

## **SUMMARY OF INSURANCE**

### **(1) Volunteer Supervisors on School Premises**

The school board's Liability insurance policy protects both staff and volunteers who are working within the scope of their duties for the board. This coverage responds to law suits that are brought against staff or volunteers who are supervising school events and provides protection up to the limits stated in the policy.

### **(2) Volunteer Drivers for School Activities**

Ontario legislation makes automobile insurance compulsory in the Province of Ontario. The same legislation makes the owner's insurance primary coverage in the event of an accident - in other words, the insurance carried on the vehicle responds first.

If a vehicle which is not owned by the school board is being operated by a volunteer or any other board employee for approved school activities, the board's Non-owned Automobile Insurance endorsement will respond to Third Party Liability claims in **excess** of the owner's insurance limit up to a total combined limit as stated in the Non-owned Auto policy.

There is no coverage provided by the school board's insurance for damage to volunteer's or employee's vehicles while they are being operated for board activities.

According to Provincial legislation, passengers who are injured would recover Accident Benefits coverage from their own or a parent's automobile policy. In the absence of a personal or family automobile policy, the passenger would then be eligible to recover benefits from the insurance policy covering the vehicle in which they were riding.

### **(3) Personal Automobile Insurance Coverage**

For the personal protection of volunteer drivers, it is recommended that drivers carry a minimum of \$1 million of Third-Party Automobile Liability insurance. Volunteers and Board employees who use their personal vehicles for transporting students to school activities should advise their insurance carrier.