





POLITICAL

- Lack of funds for transportation
- Potential change of STEO Board of Directors
- New funding formula for transportation
- *- Provincial election could change policies
- and leadership and staff at the MOE,
- influencing policy and approach
- Changes in leadership at the school boards
- Potential bell time changes
- Seatbelt /camera legislation



ECONOMIC

- Inflation
- Transportation Funding Formula changes and implications
- Driver shortage
- Fuel prices
- Vehicle prices
- Supply chain for vehicle parts
- Will there be funding for bus technology/safety as part of formula
 - Constraints on move to electrification
 - Closure of small schools could impact distance traveled



SOCIAL

- Immigration new families increasing need for bussing; language barrier between drivers and students/families
- Social media as a platform for 'venting' rather than direct connection with STEO
- - Need support for bus drivers at school and
- parent levels
- Positive for STEO to connect in-persona again with schools and bus companies post COVID
- Families with greater levels of expectation/entitlement



TECHNOLOGICAL

- Need a better understanding of the abilities of AI – not to fear it
- Use of Machine Learning as a complement to human skill
- More training for bus companies as
- relates to use of technologies
- available to them to communicate
 - Opportunities to improve service (e.g. student tracking)
 - Ease of access to information for families