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Dr. Sally Cawthon
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Dear Dr. Cawthon:

Amid recent cuts to school bus transportation, the Riverside Transit Agency (RTA) would like to notify you of some steps we have taken to enhance the way our service is delivered to schools in western Riverside County and specifically your district.

Although federal policy prohibits us from providing exclusive transportation service to schools, RTA is working to ensure students know that public transportation is affordable, reliable and safe.

- We recently launched a webpage on www.RiversideTransit.com that lists all middle and high schools in our service area and the corresponding routes that serve those campuses. A simple mouse click provides detailed maps and schedules.
- RTA is also available to provide presentations to parents, students and educators regarding available public bus options. We are also prepared to work with district leaders to best coordinate RTA bus schedules with school start and end times.

It's important to know that most RTA bus routes travel within a mile of your district's middle and high schools, and several routes incidentally provide direct service to campuses. We are proud of the fact that RTA is already the number-one source of travel for thousands of students across western Riverside County. Not only is public transit affordable, it is also clean, reliable and safe.

Rides are only \$1.50 and discounted 30-day passes are available to students in grades 1-12 for only \$35. With a 30-day pass, students can go anywhere we travel, including nights and weekends. RTA also provides a free Trip Planner web app that students can use to plan their trips on the go. The app can be downloaded at www.google.com/transit.

With your help we can spread the word that RTA is a viable travel option for students affected by reduced school bus transportation. We would appreciate it if you can share some of this information you're your staff, as well as parents and students. Perhaps this information could be listed on district and school websites

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Larry Rubio'.

Larry Rubio
Chief Executive Officer