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The Honorable Eric Adams
Mayor of the City of New York
City Hall
City Hall Park
New York, NY, 10007

November 6, 2025

Dear Mayor Adams,

We are writing to urge your administration to take immediate action to prevent future potential disruptions in school bus service that would impact thousands of Staten Island students and families.

We are very pleased that a 60-day extension has been put into place to rectify the problem in the short term, however, the problem needs to be resolved sooner. My office is once again willing to stand by and help in any manner possible for a successful resolution to this matter.

NYC's school transportation system is a lifeline for working parents and an essential part of daily life for our students, especially as Staten Island continues to be a transit desert. The ongoing uncertainty surrounding the approval of the five-year contract extension between the Department of Education and the school bus vendors is creating unnecessary instability. The delay by the Panel for Educational Policy, who you appoint, risks placing our city on the brink of a school bus strike that would have serious consequences. It is unprecedented that a Mayor is unable to rally members of the PEP, and shows a failure to manage Mayoral Control, which you have fought so eagerly to maintain.

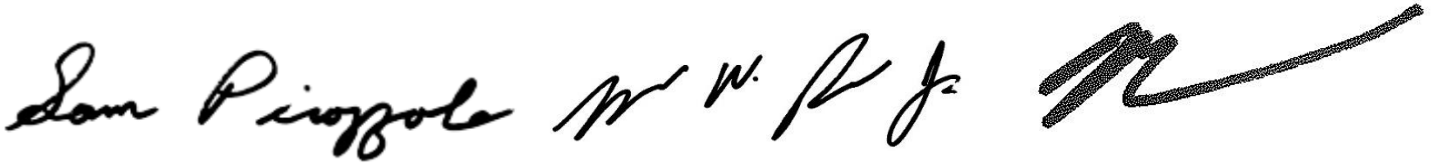
This situation is entirely avoidable. The agreement in question was already negotiated and supported by all parties, and it represents a reasonable path forward to ensure continuity of service, fair treatment of workers, and accountability for vendors. The failure to approve this contract has placed thousands of jobs and the transportation of tens of thousands of students in jeopardy.

Everyday, school bus workers begin their routes before sunrise and finish long after most of the city has gone home. They carry our most precious cargo: our children, our future, to and from school safely under challenging conditions. They deserve stability and respect, and our students deserve consistency and reliability.

At a time when we continue to face a shortage of qualified drivers, rebidding these contracts would only worsen the problem. Your administration must demonstrate leadership and decisiveness now to avoid disruption, confusion, and hardship for our children and families.

We are calling on you to encourage the Panel for Educational Policy to take immediate action to approve the five-year contract extension. This is not the time for political division or bureaucratic nonsense. It is the time for stability and accountability for the students who rely on yellow buses every day and for the families who depend on this service to make their lives work

Sincerely,

Three handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature is 'Sam Pirozzolo', the second is 'M. W. Reilly', and the third is 'Michael Tannousis'.

Sam Pirozzolo
NYS Assemblyman, 63rd District

Michael Reilly
NYS Assemblyman, 62nd District

Michael Tannousis
NYS Assemblyman, 64th District

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be 'David Carr'.

David Carr
NYC Councilman, 50th District