

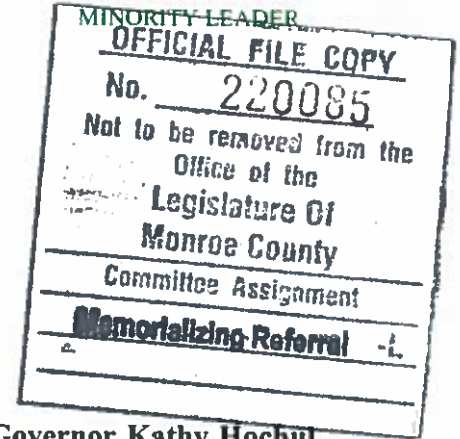


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Monroe County Legislature
406 Monroe County Office Building
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Rochester, NY 14614

Re: Memorializing the New York State Legislature to Adopt and Governor Kathy Hochul to Sign A1276/S4414 as It Relates to the Authorization of Expansion to Local School District Transportation Limits

Honorable Legislators:

Transportation remains a major challenge for urban school districts like ours across the State. Our students rely heavily on District transportation, not only as a result of our larger school zone configuration, but also to take advantage of safe passage.

Within the past few months our District has experienced an increase in acts of violence in our schools and communities. As a result, we have been actively working to address concerns around school safety. It is evident that the current mileage limits under transportation aid do not align with circumstances in large cities and fail to provide exceptions where it is unsafe for students to walk.

Bill A1276/S4414 would allow school boards the ability to authorize resolutions to provide transportation for kindergarten through grade 12 students living one-half mile or more from school due to safety concerns. This provision will provide additional and much needed supports for Rochester City School District (RCSD) students and families. This Bill would also benefit the RCSD as progress is made to optimize zone configurations to retain and entice new families to join our school community. It would afford parents the option to send their children to a school closer to home with transportation, while also providing more school options, as there are many instances where parents select schools based on ensuring their child will be transported rather than walking in unsafe conditions.

Therefore, I ask you to join in calling upon the New York State Legislature to adopt and Governor Hochul to sign A1276/S4414 into law for the betterment and safety of our students.

Sincerely,

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