

Archdiocese of Hartford

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Dear Catholic School Community,

The safe transportation of our Catholic school children may be in jeopardy. The current state budget under consideration threatens the mandatory obligation of local boards of education to provide safe transportation services to Catholic schools. As you know, this would result in a significant burden to our schools.

We are asking for the immediate assistance of your school families to unite and contact the Governor and the leaders of the Senate and House to make known the importance of retaining these services. It is imperative that you encourage all of your school families to request the protection, preservation and restoration of safe transportation for Catholic school students.

We recommend that you use phrasing such as the following: "Please restore and protect mandatory, safe, and reliable transportation services for our Catholic school children. Catholic schools save the taxpayers of the State of Connecticut over \$440 million dollars each year."

Listed below, you will find the names and contact information of the public figures most important to contact.

Dannel Malloy Governor 800-406-1527

Sen. Martin Looney President Pro Tempore 860-240-8614

Rep. Brendan Sharkey Speaker of the House 860-240-8541

Thank you in advance for helping to maintain this critical service so vital to the health of our Catholic schools.

Sincerely in Christ, Sr. Mary Grace Walsh, ASCJ, Ph.D. Provost for Education, Evangelization and Catechesis