COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION 1 2 CITY COUNCIL CITY OF NEW YORK 3 ----- X 4 TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES 5 Of the 6 COMMITTEE EDUCATION 7 January 9, 2019 8 Start: 10:20 a.m. Recess: 10:49 a.m. 9 10 HELD AT: Committee Room- City Hall 11 B E F O R E: MARK TREYGER Chairperson 12 COUNCIL MEMBERS: 13 ADRIENNE E. ADAMS ALICKA AMPRY-SAMUEL 14 INEZ D. BARRON JOSEPH C. BORELLI 15 JUSTIN L. BRANNAN ANDREW COHEN 16 ROBERT E. CORNEGY, JR. CHAIM M. DEUTSCH 17 DANIEL DROMM BARRY S. GRODENCHIK 18 BEN KALLOS ANDY L. KING 19 BRAD S. LANDER STEPHEN T. LEVIN 20 MARK LEVINE YDANIS A. RODRIGUEZ 21 DEBORAH L. ROSE RAFAEL SALAMANCA, JR. 22 ERIC A. ULRICH 23 24 25

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1	COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION 3
2	[gavel]
3	CHAIRPERSON TREYGER: Good morning. I'm
4	Council Member Mark Treyger, Chair of the Education
5	Committee and wishing everyone a very happy new year.
6	Thank you for joining us today as we vote on the
7	student transportation oversight package or now its
8	an acronym called STOP, including proposed
9	Introduction Number 89-C sponsored by Council Member
10	Andy King, proposed Introduction Number 45-B
11	sponsored by Council Member Daniel Dromm, proposed
12	Introduction Number 926-B sponsored by the Speaker,
13	Council Member Corey Johnson, proposed Introduction
14	Number 929-B sponsored by Council Member Joseph
15	Borelli, proposed Introduction Number 1099-A
16	proposed and proposed Introduction 1148-B sponsored
17	by Council Member Ben Kallos, proposed Introduction
18	Number 1173-B which I am proud to sponsor, and
19	Resolution Number 540 sponsored by Council Member
20	Diana Ayala. I'd like to recognize the members of the
21	Committee who are here Council Member Barron, Council
22	Member Kallos, Council Member Deutsch, Council Member
23	Brannan, Council Member Salamanca, Council Member
24	Rose, Council Member Dromm, and Council Member Cohen.
25	The Department… Council Member Grodenchik that's

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right and Council Member Rodriguez who just walked 2 3 in. the Department of Education's Office of Pupil Transportation is responsible for the bussing 4 services of nearly 150,000 New York City students and 5 the great majority of those students are young 6 7 children, students with disabilities and those who are medically fragile. For too long we have heard 8 reports of problems and, and mismanagement at OPT. 9 Earlier this school year OPT's failure to provide 10 students with safe, secure and reliable school 11 12 bussing services by excessive delays and no shows in 13 September and by a storm in November that led to 14 children stranded on busses for hours on end and 15 without department protocols in place to ensure those students had access to essentials like bathrooms or 16 17 water. On top of that DOE's lack of communication 18 with parents and failure to hold school bus vendors accountable has been unconscionable. I commend those 19 20 at the DOE who have recognized that it is high time for change in our city's school bus services. And I'd 21 2.2 like to thank my colleagues for working with me to 23 ensure students on school busses will not go without oversight any longer. We're introducing our school 24 bus industry to the 21st century. It is fascinating 25

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2 to me that GPS devices have been around for quite some time, but they've never actually been required 3 to be turned on and operationalized on school busses 4 all this time. That ends today and, and with the 5 6 Mayor's signature as well. Today we are voting on the 7 following legislation, which comprises the student transportation oversight package. Proposed 8 Introduction 89-C sponsored by Council Member King, 9 which would require DOE to report twice a year on the 10 number of school bus routes scheduled to take less 11 12 than an hour, between one and two hours, and over two 13 hours and the average length of time scheduled for 14 school bus routes in each community school district. 15 This bill would also require DOE to share the actual start and end time of each school bus route each day 16 17 with the Council twice a year. Proposed Introduction 18 451-B sponsored by Council Member Dromm, which would require the DOE to distribute a school bus ridership 19 20 guide in hard copy and electronically no later than 15 days before the start of each school year to all 21 2.2 students and parents. Such ridership guide shall 23 include a description of eligibility for school bus services and what the services entail as well as 24 information for parents and students living in 25

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2 temporary housing and students in foster care. 3 Proposed Introduction 926-B sponsored by the Speaker would require DOE to share with parents and post on 4 its website how parents can file a complaint about a 5 6 school bus employee, the process by which the 7 Department investigates such a complaint and the possible results of such an investigation. Proposed 8 Introduction 929-B sponsored by Council Member 9 Borelli would require DOE to report twice a year on 10 11 all of the calls received from parents and quardians 12 about school bus services, the complaints received from parents and quardians about school bus services, 13 14 the investigations DOE opened into school bus 15 employees, the number of those investigations that were substantiated and a description of, of outcomes 16 17 taken by DOE in the event of a substantiated 18 investigation. Proposed Introduction 1099-A sponsored by Council Member Kallos of which I am a proud co-19 20 sponsor would require each school bus used to 21 transport students pursuant to a contract with the 2.2 DOE to be equipped with a two-way radio where or 23 other communication device allowing communication with the operator of the school bus. This bill would 24 25 also require each bus used to transport students

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2 pursuant to a contract with the DOE to be equipped 3 with a GPS tracking device, yes welcome to the 21st century and would require authorized parents and 4 quardians to have access to the real time location of 5 their child's school bus whenever it is in use. 6 7 Proposed Introduction 1148-B sponsored by Council Member Kallos would require the DOE to report twice a 8 year on how school bus routes are determined and a 9 list of school bus vendors who are ... who had completed 10 a dry run of their route as required by their 11 12 contract. The bill would also require the DOE to 13 share with parents and quardians before the start of 14 the school year there, their child's bus route 15 including the vendor assigned to such route and to 16 let parents know daily if their child's bus is late 17 arriving or departing school. My bill, proposed 18 Introduction 1173-B, would require the DOE to report twice a year on the department's school bus services 19 20 including the vendors providing school bus transportation to others... to students. It's important 21 2.2 that my colleagues understand that we contract with 23 certain bus companies, but those bus companies contract with a number of vendors and there's been a 24 lack of transparency historically about all of the 25

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2 vendors that they subcontract, that also ends today. 3 the number of vehicles an employees is used by such vendors, the number of bus routes and transportation 4 sites in use, the number of students using school bus 5 transportation including the type of, of students, 6 7 the number of students in foster care who applied for transportation service, the school bus transportation 8 services provided to pre-kindergarten students and 9 the categories of students who are eligible for DOE 10 transportation services. The bill would also require 11 12 DOE to, to report twice a year on school bus delays 13 with the Council and post on its ... on the Department's 14 website the number of school bus delays and no shows 15 desegregated by vendor. Finally, Resolution 540 16 sponsored by Council Member Ayala calls on DOE to provide more extensive training for bus drivers who 17 18 transport students with disabilities. These important pieces of legislation will bring much needed 19 20 oversight to our city's school bus services and I'd like to just say for the record I think this is 21 2.2 probably the most comprehensive package of 23 legislation overseeing the student transportation system ever. This will bring probably unprecedented 24 transparency and accountability to an area of the DOE 25

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2 that historically has really lacked transparency and accountability, that will be ending soon. I'd like to 3 thank the Education Committee staff who worked 4 really, really hard on, on the package of legislation 5 even during the holiday break up to New Year's they 6 7 were negotiating with the admin ... with the admin, I really want to thank them all. I want to thank Beth 8 Golub, Jan Atwell, Kalima Johnson, Elizabeth Hoffman, 9 Kaitlyn O'Hagan. I want to thank my staff Anna 10 Scaife, Vanessa Ogle, and Eric Feinberg and I'll now 11 12 turn it over to some of my colleague to speak about 13 their legislation beginning with Council Member Ben 14 Kallos. 15 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Good morning, I'm Council Member Ben Kallos, you can tweet me at Ben

16 17 Kallos. I want to thank all of the parents, advocates 18 and members of the media who are here and watching online. I want to thank our Speaker Corey Johnson and 19 20 of course our Chair Mark Treyger for leading the student transportation oversight package, the STOP 21 2.2 package and I want to thank members of the City 23 Council staff Andrea Vazquez who as mentioned was 24 negotiating this on New Years Eve as well as ... who was 25 doing the data to prove why this is important and

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2 this reflects a lot of effort and expertise from the council and our allies and members of the community. 3 I'd also like to thank the co-sponsor of Introduction 4 1099, Council Member Chaim Deutsch who started 5 working on this back in the year 2000 when he was a 6 7 staffer for then Council Member Mike Nelson focusing on just having two-way radios and now again, we are ... 8 we are in a new century, we can actually just have 9 the GPS on these busses. This was originally drafted 10 by then Education Committee Council Laura Popa and 11 12 has been updated for today with the help of our current Committee Counsel Beth Golub and with 13 14 feedback from our brothers and sisters at ATU and 15 Teamsters who are supportive and with legal support 16 and advice from the law offices of Regina Skyer. 17 Today we're here to vote on two pieces of legislation 18 aimed at preventing the annual school nightmares. At the start of every school year, New York City 19 20 students are stuck on busses hours leaving parents worrying about where their children are. Parent could 21 2.2 rest assured of their child's location if they could 23 simply track it. As reported by the New York Times, the annual bus nightmares reached crisis levels on 24 25 November when winter storm Avery left young children

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2 who receive special education on a bus in the snow 3 for more than ten hours, they didn't get home until the next day. These bills will take lessons from 4 5 Boston where parents get bus routes weeks ahead of the school year in time to challenge bus routes and 6 7 look for trouble and from New York City Chancellor's home city of Houston where since 2015 parents have 8 had access to the GPS apps, so they know where the 9 bus is in the event of delays. Introduction 1099 of 10 11 2018 requires the Office of Pupil Transportation to 12 provide real time GPS location data to authorized 13 individuals such as parents and the Department of 14 Education. This service will eliminate the problem of 15 bus drivers and escorts fielding frantic and angry 16 calls from parents and schools allowing them to focus 17 on doing their jobs safely. To be clear, the 18 intention of this bill is not to provide bus companies the ability to surveil their workers and 19 20 generate discipline in order to provide safety and 21 security for students, allows parents the peace of 2.2 mind to know where the children are in cases of 23 emergency and to facilitate more efficient school bus transportation. Of course, in cases of complaints or 24 instances the data will be available for review but 25

it shouldn't be used indiscriminately just to 2 discipline workers. Introduction 114-B requires OPT 3 to share bus routes with families 15 days prior to 4 the first day of school. This legislation also forces 5 OPT to perform dry runs for the routes, routes 6 7 chosen, report annually on how yellow bus routes are determined and report the number of busses and staff 8 needed to meet those goals and recommendations. 9 Parents in New York City have been fighting for 10 accommodations and services for their children some 11 12 of which have special needs and depend on that our 13 city will be responsible in driving their kids to 14 school. Thank you. 15 CHAIRPERSON TREYGER: Thank you Member... 16 thank you Council Member Kallos, I just also just 17 want to note that we've been joined by Council Member 18 Borelli and Council Member Cornegy and before we, we

19 vote I just want to say that this is really an
20 example of effective and responsive government as my
21 colleagues noted and as we all witness that there
22 were unacceptable conditions, situations that our
23 children were subjected to and families subjected to
24 at the start of the school year with regards to
25 significant bus delays, non-pickups and even up to

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2 the recent snow storm but many of us met with 3 impacted families, we met with bus companies, we met 4 with some vendors, we met with labor, we met with a 5 variety of stakeholders, we listened, we had a 6 hearing, the Speaker actually came to our hearing and 7 listened as well, spoke, spoke very powerfully. We worked together on, I think a, a ... really a powerful 8 comprehensive set of legislation and we're now 9 10 passing laws to make sure and to really follow up to ensure that it doesn't happen again to the extent 11 12 that ... possible. And so, I think ... I want to thank all 13 of my colleagues for, for their work because many of 14 you fielded those calls from parents and frustrated 15 families in your districts and together collectively, 16 we responded. This is government the way it should 17 be, so I want to thank all of my colleagues for their 18 work. We've also just been joined by Council Member Lander, thank you Council Member for being here as 19 20 well. And with that I will ask the Committee Clerk to call the roll and begin the vote. 21 2.2 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: William Martin, 23 Committee Clerk, roll call vote Committee on 24 Education all items are coupled, Chair Treyger? 25 CHAIRPERSON TREYGER: I vote aye.

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2	COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Rodriguez?	
3	COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Permission to	
4	explain my vote?	
5	CHAIRPERSON TREYGER: Permission granted.	
6	COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: As the	
7	Chairman of the Transportation Committee I	
8	congratulate the Chairman of this committee and all	
9	the colleagues here for making transportation safer	
10	to our students. No doubt that the day when we were	
11	hit by the snow it was not only because of the George	
12	Washington Bridge had some crashes there that the	
13	city basically stopped. A Francis Roha, a student	
14	with disability got home at 1:30 in the morning just	
15	because a yellow bus was not moving in the streets.	
16	So, for me as a former teacher for 13 years, as a co-	
17	founder to a school and as a Council Member, Chairman	
18	of the Committee on Transportation it is so not… so	
19	nice to know that we as the other Council with the	
20	leadership with Speaker Johnson, the Chairman and all	
21	of us from this Committee on Transportation are	
22	taking this matter very seriously, making the yellow	
23	s of transportation safer and more efficient and	
24	not only when we are hit by the snow but 365 days a	
25	ear that's our responsibility and this package of	
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2	bills show how committed this Council is to make the	
3	life of our students safer. With that I vote aye.	
4	COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Barron?	
5	COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I vote aye,	
6	congratulations to all of my colleagues and I ask to	
7	be added to all of this very significant legislation,	
8	thank you.	
9	COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Cohen?	
10	COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Permission to	
11	explain my vote?	
12	CHAIRPERSON TREYGER: Sure.	
13	COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: I do just want to	
14	echo, I, I, I don't want to hurt my arm patting us on	
15	the back but I'm very impressed about the, the	
16	turnaround of this, that we have a, a thoughtful,	
17	comprehensive package, I think in an area that really	
18	needed updating and reform and that we turned this	
19	around so quickly. I think that it really is a	
20	testament to the leadership of our, our Chair and our	
21	Speaker and the bill sponsors so with that I'm going	
22	to vote aye on all.	
23	COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Cornegy?	
24	COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Permission to	
25	explain?	

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2	CHAIRPERSON TREYGER: Sure.	
3	COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: So, as a father	
4	of six I want to say thank you, you know prior to	
5	joining this Council I had no idea what it took to	
6	get things passed and how committed you had to be so	
7	as the Chair of Education and all the sponsors I want	
8	to… I want to thank you. Parents including myself and	
9	my wife for many years there was a period where all	
10	six children were in school at the same time and the	
11	afternoons were very complex in making sure everyone	
12	was home safe and where they were supposed to be as	
13	working parents. The idea that this Council would	
14	make the safety of our children a priority in this	
15	way and in this quick turnaround makes me very proud	
16	to be a member of this Council so thank you.	
17	COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Deutsch?	
18	COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: [off mic] Oh,	
19	sorry and I vote aye.	
20	CHAIRPERSON TREYGER: Thank you.	
21	COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Permission to	
22	explain my vote?	
23	CHAIRPERSON TREYGER: Sure.	
24	COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: So, as a first	
25	I'm, I'm extremely proud of this package of bills and	

2 as a, a parent of five children I know how it feels when you lose sight of a child even for a few seconds 3 so I just want to touch upon Intro 1099-A which I'm 4 5 a, a prime sponsor on that bill that requires two way 6 communication and the GPS system on all school, 7 school busses. Since 2000 this bill was introduced, this concept was, was introduced five times, it was 8 first introduced in 2000, then again in 2002 and at 9 that time it was two way communication and then in 10 2005 the GPS system was added to the bill and then it 11 12 was again reintroduced in 2006 and again in 2010 and 13 I'm going to be pretty blunt, when I worked for my 14 predecessor, Council Member Mike Nelson he did not 15 support the two previous Speakers during ... the 16 Speakers during his time and during their role in 17 becoming Speakers so they wouldn't allow this bill to 18 go to the floor for a vote. They put some politics before our children and we are fortunate to have a 19 20 Speaker that puts our children first and doesn't play those old school politics. So, I want to thank 21 2.2 Council Member Ben Kallos for his leadership and also 23 Council Member Treyger, Chair of the Education 24 Committee that finally this bill is be ... going to become fruition and we now will hold our city 25

2	accountable and ensuring that we know where our	
3	school children are going and coming from school. I	
4	also want to touch upon 1148-B sponsored by Council	
5	Member Ben Kallos that would that would require a	
6	dry run for all yellow busses and like I said before	
7	that if our Sanitation Department before the snow	
8	season has a dry run for snow removal why shouldn't	
9	our school children have that dry run when they are	
10	transporting our school children, children and these	
11	are common sense bills which should have been done a	
12	long time ago and I want to thank our Speaker Corey	
13	Johnson for his common sense approach and working	
14	with all my colleagues to ensure that these common	
15	sense… common sense bills such as these and the	
16	package of bills come for a vote. So, thank you, I	
17	vote aye on all.	
18	COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Dromm?	
19	COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Permission to	
20	explain my vote?	
21	CHAIRPERSON TREYGER: Sure.	
22	COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Thank you and	
23	nk you Chair, congratulations on this package, it	
24	s very comprehensive, and congratulations are due to	
25	you and to all of my colleagues as well. In terms of	

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2	my legislation on the ridership guide, it's important	
3	for parents to know and to understand what they can	
4	expect and what is expected of those who provide	
5	transportation to our children to and from school.	
6	So, I'm very pleased that this package is moving	
7	forward and again I want to say congratulations and	
8	with that I vote aye.	
9	COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Kallos?	
10	COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Permission to	
11	explain my vote?	
12	CHAIRPERSON TREYGER: Sure.	
13	COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Sorry but I just	
14	wanted to… I, I missed some things so just… as a new	
15	parent it starts to change how you look at life and	
16	you see a lot of the children as your child being in	
17	that exact same situation and when we got a call at	
18	9:30 p.m. from Jennifer Reynoso that her child still	
19	hadn't gotten home we were up until midnight making	
20	sure they got connected, city hall was involved, the	
21	Mayor's Office was involved, the NYPD was involved,	
22	my wife didn't go to sleep and, and I've, I've done a	
23	lot in this job. When we signed our campaign finance	
24	law my wife was not didn't have anything to say,	
25	this morning my wife actually kissed me and said	

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2	thank you for getting this done, we can now send our	
3	child to public school knowing she'll actually get	
4	there, we'll have the busses and, and my daughter is	
5	still an infant but it parents all over the city	
6	have been reaching out to say thank you and that	
7	usually does not happen so that is just how impactful	
8	this legislation is. I also want to thank Wilfredo	
9	Lopez he's my new Legislative Director and now after	
10	getting his third bill passed in his first month or,	
11	so he will no longer be called my new Legislative	
12	Director. We're also losing our outgoing Legal Fellow	
13	Emily Carranza and we wish her well and we welcome	
14	our new Legal Fellow, Urie Carroll so thank you, I	
15	proudly vote aye on all.	
16	COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Lander?	
17	COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: [off mic] I want	
18	to congratulate the sponsors and Chair… thank you and	
19	I also want to offer my congratulations to you Mr.	
20	Chair and to all the sponsors of this very important	
21	package and I'll be voting aye on all.	
22	COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Rose?	
23	COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Permission to	
24	explain my vote?	
25	CHAIRPERSON TREYGER: Of course.	

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2	COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: As the Chair of the	
3	Youth Committee its we have issues all the time	
4	about the safety of our young people; in the schools,	
5	n the streets, after school and it is just common	
6	sense that we would want to protect our young people	
7	as they're being transported to and from school and	
8	so I want to thank the, the sponsors, the prime	
9	sponsors, this Committee for a comprehensive yet	
10	common sense long overdue legislation that ensures	
11	the safety of our young people to and from school and	
12	I, I would like to be added to this very significant	
13	package of bills and I vote aye on all. Thank you.	
14	COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Grodenchik?	
15	COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Permission to	
16	explain my vote Mr. Chairman?	
17	CHAIRPERSON TREYGER: Sure.	
18	COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: I my wife	
19	wasn't up when I left the house this morning because	
20	I come from so far away that she was still sleeping,	
21	she's not back at school yet, Professor Grodenchik	
22	but I do want to thank the Chairman, the Speaker and,	
23	and all the sponsors of all the legislation. I	
24	represent a community that has very, very little	
25	public transportation, no subways, no Long Island	

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION 1 2 railroads, we do have some busses but that is far 3 and... away ... a problem for us and I do want to address the needs of the special education children of the 4 city of New York which there are tens of thousands 5 of. I have five standalone district 75 schools in my 6 7 Council district and I know what it means to the parents of those children that they will be able to 8 track the progress of their children coming home in 9 all kinds of weather. So, I, I thank you all for this 10 wonderful package and I look forward to voting twice 11 12 for it today, once right now where I vote ave on all 13 and later at the stated meeting. Thank you. 14 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Salamanca? 15 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye on all. 16 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Ampry-Samuel? 17 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: I just want 18 to say congratulations, thank you for your leadership and as a mother of a child in the seventh grade and I 19 20 drop my son off at school every single morning and I pick him up in the afternoon, I vote aye on all. 21 2.2 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Brannan? 23 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Congratulations Chair with the request to add myself to all the bills 24

today that I'm not on already, I vote aye on all.

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2	2 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Levin?	
3	3 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: With request to	
4	4 add my name to all of the legislation bills here	
5	today, I vote aye on all. Thank you.	
6	COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Borelli?	
7	COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: A brief	
8	explanation please sir? Thank you. I, I just want to	
9	say that you all are familiar with a lot of things	
10	10 that I say and a lot of times I disagree with, with	
11	things that the Council does and it's rare that I do	
12	get to say this and I hope you all take it to heart	
13	that this package of bills is an absolute home run	
14	for the parents and children of this city 100	
15	percent. This Committee in the past and the Council	
16	as a whole has focused on the education side of the	
17	Education Committee which, which in fairness probably	
18	does consist of more substantive things but we've for	
19	too long ignored this, this portion of New York City	
20	public schooling where parents have so many concerns	
21	21 and put such great faith and hope in the system to	
22	22 deliver their child to and from home so I vote aye on	
23	all and congratulate the Chair and Speaker.	
24	COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: By a vote of 17	
25	in the affirmative, zero in the negative and no	

1 COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION 2 abstentions all items have been adopted by the 3 Committee.

4 CHAIRPERSON TREYGER: Thank you so much to all of my colleagues for their work and honestly 5 this was a collective effort and I just remind my 6 7 colleagues as well the school bus industry is a 1.2 billion dollar industry that historically has not 8 seen the type of oversight and accountability that we 9 needed to, to place on it and I think that this 10 package of legislation will shine a very bright light 11 12 on where we need to continue advocacy. This is not the end, this is still... there's still more work to do 13 14 but now families and parents in our districts will 15 have a lot more information, they will have information in real time and will be able to hold 16 17 companies that have our children on their busses more 18 accountable because those delays, those non shows are unacceptable, ten hours on a school bus without food 19 20 or water, unacceptable, we must hold people accountable. So, again this is an example of 21 2.2 government being effective and responsive in a timely 23 fashion and I again thank all my colleagues and the Speaker for their leadership and, and their support, 24 thank you. And this hearing is now adjourned. 25

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