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Dear Friends,

PIST (Parents to Improve School Transportation) needs your support at this critical time. Our members are as strained as anyone by the school bus strike, but our instinct is to support the matrons and drivers, since whatever happens to them happens to our children.

The outcome of this strike could make or break the quality and regulation of school busing for New York students with and without disabilities for years to come. We have to increase the pressure on the mayor to negotiate with ATU 1181 and restore Employee Protection Provisions so that (a) the buses can begin rolling again, and (b) the positions of thousands of experienced, caring matrons and drivers do not become vacancies to be filled by strangers in September.

To rise to this challenge we need a **fighting fund**. We have to pay for the phone so we can continue to hear from other parents and from reporters interested in our views. We are committed to maintaining our website so that people can find us—and our School Bus Bill of Rights campaign—online.

Most importantly, we need to be able to arrange for childcare and transportation whenever outspoken bus parents must be present at events, at schools, in the bidding process, on the picket lines, and at our own strategy meetings. Unlike the Office of Pupil Transportation, our movement is family-friendly!

Please consider making a donation to advance the cause of safe, sensible busing now and in the future. You can go to the Donate tab at www.pistnyc.org or write a check or money order to "IAC/PIST" and mail to 147 West 24 Street 2nd floor, New York, NY 10011.

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