

Dear Catholic School Families and Friends,

Within days of the start of the 2019 legislative session of the Connecticut General Assembly, a State House Bill was proposed to eliminate bus transportation for nonpublic schools, which include our great Catholic schools ([HB 5241](#)).

Today, another bill proposes the same elimination of safe and reliable bus transportation for nonpublic schools ([HB 6611](#)).

- Please know that the statute requiring towns and municipalities to provide these services has been ruled constitutional by the Connecticut Supreme Court. The statute ensures the safe transportation of students to and from school, and it supports school children and their parents.
- Student transportation is a matter of public safety akin to the provision of first responder services to any private company or residence.
- We realize local and state budgets are stretched, but we must not start balancing budgets by cutting back on student safety.

Catholic school families already save towns and the state money by assuming the costs of their children's education.

[Please urge your legislators to oppose these bills and preserve safe and reliable transportation for Catholic school students.](#) This proposal has the support of many high ranking legislators, so it is critical that your voice is heard now and in the weeks ahead.

In faith,

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