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Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers
President, New Haven Board of Alders
165 Church Street
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Dear President Walker-Myers:

I would like to respectfully submit to the Board of Alders as a Communication, the attached Order calling for a public hearing to discuss issues and concerns related to this year's New Haven Public Schools Transportation Plan.

Last week after the school year started, scores of parents had to go to the New Haven Public Schools central offices to find out what bus they would on and where the bus stop would be for this school year. This caused serious frustration and unease to the numerous children and families affected. The Superintendent blamed this problem on the operations team which in turn claimed it was simply making the necessary changes as directed.

Given the myriad of issues involved here and the multitudes of our residents affected a public hearing would give much-needed opportunity to school officials to explain why this problem occurred, and to discuss steps being taken to fix this error and to ensure it does not reoccur.

I therefore ask that a committee of the Board of Alders conduct a public hearing with Dr. Carol D. Birks, Superintendent of Schools, Board of Education, President Darnell Goldson or a representative from the Board, Fred Till, Director of the School Transportation, as well other appropriate school officials to discuss this year's New Haven Public Schools transportation plan, the errors encountered, and planned solutions.

Respectfully submitted,

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WHEREAS: Given the myriad of issues involved here and the multitudes of our residents affected a public hearing would give much-needed opportunity to school officials to explain why this problem occurred, and to discuss steps being taken to fix this error and to ensure it does not reoccur; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED a committee of the Board of Alders conduct a public hearing with Dr. Carol D. Birks, Superintendent of Schools, Board of Education, President Darnell Goldson or a representative from the Board, Fred Till, Director of the School Transportation, as well other appropriate school officials to discuss this year's New Haven Public Schools transportation plan, the errors encountered, and planned solutions.