



April 4, 2019

RE: NEW TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Dear Einstein Learning Community,

In the learning process, many essential factors interconnect to impact our children. The first critical factor in the learning process is the ride to school. For our Einstein students who travel to school by way of the school bus, our non-negotiable priorities are safety, compliance, and fidelity.

Before becoming the Chief Executive Officer, the Einstein Learning Community did not provide transportation services. The result of this decision brought about negative press. After former decision-makers in Einstein began transportation services, the adverse media coverage then made a shift to Einstein's transportation provider. To my students, parents, support staff, teachers, leaders, I sincerely apologize that the amazing things that you all are doing is not the topic of our local press. Therefore, to shift the negative conversation from yellow busses to our amazing parents, awesome partners, student growth, college readiness, social-emotional development, arts, and extracurriculars, it is vital that I make crucial decisions that put our students, parents, and teachers first.

NEW TRANSPORTATION PROVIDER

At our upcoming board meeting on April 9, 2019, I will propose the Cancellation of Services with our current transportation provider. If this proposal wins approval, the cancellation will take effect on **April 9, 2019**. Scholars First is aware of my intentions and position to cancel services. Scholars First has shown respect to my goal to prioritize the Einstein Learning Community and will honor my request for cancellation. Scholars First will assist in transitioning with A & S Transportation from **April 9, 2019, through April 16, 2019**. The transition will consist of crosstalk on routes, transferring drivers, deliberating on special transportation, etcetera. Bus services with A & S Transportation will begin on April 17, 2019. On this day, many of our leadership staff will ride the busses with our students to and from school. Additionally, information on accessing the A & S Transportation Smartphone App will be available on our website. This app allows for GPS tracking and route management.

Please contact me at michael.mckenzie@einsteincharterschools.org. I will also be hosting a Coffee & Conversation on April 10, 2019, at Einstein Charter High School at Sarah T. Reed at 7:30 AM.

With humility, optimism, and resilience,

Michael McKenzie
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