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Members;

We hope this letter finds you all well and coping with the many challenges you face at the start of a new school year.

Many of you have followed the news of the many problems experienced in Toronto and Hamilton with the start up and shortage of drivers.

Unifor has been raising the issues with the Provincial government's mandated bidding system (RFP , Request for Proposal)for school bus transportation for over two years now.It gives us little satisfaction to be right on this issue.

Did you see the finger pointing? Blame went to the Government, who said it was the School boards responsibility. They said no it's the Consortia responsible for transportation, wrong they blamed it on the Operators, who in turn said it was the Drivers fault .UNBELIEVABLE!

We need to band together-union, non union, this is about the workers, this is about the highly responsible job we perform everyday. This is about recognition,respect and compensation for all the time we spend at work. Not just Route time. No more unpaid volunteers, we are not a charity. We are an integral part of the education system.

Unifor has done extensive research on issues, and has been lobbying MP's and MPP's, the Minister of Education, the Auditor General, the Ombudsman, you name it. Our campaign materials can be found on the Unifor national website, www.unifor.org/schoolbuscampaign

We also have an active online petition, and We Need Your Participation! It will take a few minutes of your time.

<http://petition.web.net/unifor/node/54>

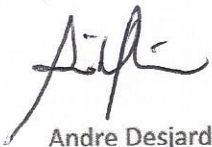
It's time to raise our voices, it's time to talk to people about what we do. Share our petition with everyone you can think of, friends relatives, teachers, principals the minister of education, our MP's and MPP's

We deserve a fair wage standard for our industry. We deserve to have our collective bargaining rights preserved during contract flips. We deserve not to be the lowest wage earners in transit. We deserve Respect and Dignity, and we deserve Safe and Healthy working conditions.

The Ontario Government is funneling vast sums of taxpayer money (yours and mine) into school bus transportation folks, and much of that is unaccounted for or cloaked in secrecy.

IT'S TIME !

Sincerely,



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