

**City of Providence**  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

*No. 531*

**EFFECTIVE November 12, 2018**

WHEREAS, The City of Providence was unable to transport students to school for 11 days due to a labor dispute between First Student and their employees; and

WHEREAS, The extension of the contract does not contain provisions to require the vendor to find alternate means of transportation for our students pending any future labor disputes; and

WHEREAS, Nine thousand students were responsible to find their own transportation to school; and

WHEREAS, Many students could not find alternative transportation causing attendance in schools to be drastically reduced; and

WHEREAS, At least 165 students were unable to find transportation for the entire length of the strike; and



WHEREAS, It takes the School Department at least eight months to properly submit a Request for Proposal and evaluate bid submissions; and

WHEREAS, Potential vendors may require up to twelve months to purchase the proper inventory of buses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the School Department immediately begin the Request for Proposal process for Student Transportation Services.

**IN CITY COUNCIL**

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**READ AND PASSED**  
  
**PRES.**  
  
**CLERK**

Effective without the  
Mayor's Signature

  
**Lori L. Hagen**  
**City Clerk**