

Ana C. Riley Superintendent of Schools

TO: Members of the House Finance Committee, State of Rhode Island General Assembly

FROM: Ana C. Riley, Superintendent of Schools, Bristol Warren Regional School District

**DATE:** May 20, 2025

**RE:** Written Testimony in support of the 2025 H 6236 - An Act Relating to Education - Transportation of School Pupils Beyond City and Town LimitsRecommendations regarding Student Transportation Legislation Changes

Dear Honorable Members of the House Finance Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

My name is Ana C. Riley and I am the Superintendent of Schools in the Bristol Warren Regional School District.

On behalf of the district, I support the following in regards to the transportation of students to and from school within the state of Rhode Island:

- Change in legislation of **RIGL 31-22.1–1. Pupil transportation vehicle** to increase the allowable pupil passenger limit to ten (10) in Rhode Island per the <u>resolution</u> that the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee approved on March 31, 2025
- Change in legislation to create a new "East Bay" transportation region, Region 6, which will consist of Bristol, Warren, East Providence and Barrington
- Change in legislation to use smaller vehicles for transportation of single students

Thank you for your consideration in supporting this legislation.

With our children in mind,

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