

LINCOLN SCHOOL

P R O V I D E N C E

May 19, 2025

Dear Members of the Rhode Island House of Representatives,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to House Bill No. 6236 on behalf of Lincoln School and the many families we serve across Rhode Island.

Lincoln School, located on the East Side of Providence, is a girls' school based on Quaker values that provides a unique and transformative learning environment. We offer significant financial assistance to families to make our tuition accessible to students from a wide range of communities and socioeconomic backgrounds.

Our student body includes many families who rely on public school transportation to access the high-quality education we offer. House Bill No. 6236 threatens to severely limit access to our school by restricting the use of school buses from some towns to Providence. Such a measure would place an undue burden on families—most of whom have two working parents—who depend on transportation services to ensure their children can attend school safely and consistently.

The proposed legislation risks deepening inequities in educational access across our state. For families without the flexibility or resources to arrange alternative transportation, the bill could make it impossible for their children to continue attending Lincoln. This would not only disrupt students' education but also diminish the diversity and richness of our school community.

I urge you to consider the unintended consequences of this bill. Access to education should be expanded—not restricted—especially for families already navigating complex logistical and economic challenges.

Thank you for your attention and for your commitment to equitable educational opportunities in Rhode Island.

Sincerely,



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