

## **ALLTOWN BUS SERVICE, INC.**

Superintendent John F. Thomas

March 27, 2020

Harvey School District 152

We at Alltown Bus understand and support your efforts to keep our school children, our community and our Alltown employee's safe during this pandemic caused by COVID-19. We want to assure your district and all of the community that we are there to assist. Our employees are anxiously awaiting the end of this pandemic. We at ALLTOWN BUS are doing our best to keep our people safe and our buses clean and ready for use.

Friday will be the first day that we will pay our drivers since the mandated school closure, it's a commitment that we have made to our Alltown staff because they too have families to feed, bills to pay and other necessary expenses. We would like to reassure our Alltown Bus staff that they will continue to be paid if the schools are closed.

In a letter dated March 17, 2020 "State Superintendent Dr. Carmen Ayala has directed local school districts to continue making payments to their contractors, so all transportation personnel including school bus drivers and monitors can continue getting paid, despite schools closing statewide and most normal bus routes ceasing in response to the coronavirus."

We are writing this letter to District 152 Superintendent and School Board Members to request that you continue to compensate Alltown Bus at our current rate (for transportation), less certain unincurred variable costs that will reduce some of our expenditures. This means payments of 90% of our regular (School bus) rates because we are still paying all of our office staff, drivers, monitors, mechanics and support staff, just like the district is paying all of your employees. We are still repairing and maintaining our fleet, offices and buildings, as well as paying our overhead costs such as bank notes, bus loans, insurance, rent and our parts/supplies vendors.

Alltown Bus has made a commitment to all of our employees and our districts that we will be ready to run when schools reopen. Alltown Bus is asking your district to make the same commitment as the Chicago Public Schools, Dolton District 148 and our districts (in Cook County), to keep us whole so that we will be ready and available when this crisis is over and the children can go back to school. We look forward to hearing your comments on our request and your action on compensation to make it possible for us to keep our commitment to Harvey School District 152 including the parents and children of the community.

Sincerely,

Greg Polan, President Alltown Bus Service, Inc.

Cc: Leonard Moody