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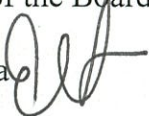
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**Dr. Edwin M. Quezada**  
Superintendent of Schools

**DATE:** August 31, 2021

**TO:** Rev. Steve Lopez, President  
and Members of the Board of Education

**FROM:** Dr. Edwin M. Quezada 

**RE:** **Request for Emergency Declaration**  
**YPS – Transportation Services (In-Out of District)**

I have approved the attached Request for Emergency Declaration from the Manager of Administration Dr. Fenix Arias on August 31, 2021. It was determined that as school districts emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic, Yonkers Public Schools has approximated 1000 students awaiting transportation services. Our contracted vendors (Academy Bus, All County, First Students, MAT Bus, Phillip Trans, Royal Coach, and VP Buses) have all reported a shortage of drivers. All our vendors have declined additional routes (vehicles are available, but no drivers). Two of our vendors have a total of twenty routes that have not been selected during the driver's selection process. We are expecting the numbers of students waitlisted for transportation services to surge as students are pending:

- A. IEP annual reviews
- B. McKinney Vento (displaced families)
- C. Foster Care (Department of Social Services placements)
- D. New student/families

Due to the time constraints related to School opening and the length of time typically involved in the procurement process, it is required that an Emergency Declaration be issued to expedite pupil transportation services via additional vendors and/or parent contracts.

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration of this request.

EMQ:nmr  
Encl.

cc: Dr. Fenix Arias, Mr. Tom Collich, Mr. Brad Gorson, Ms. Elizabeth Janocha, Ms. L.E. Lassi,  
Mr. John Liszewski




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MEMORANDUM

Date: August 31, 2021

To: Dr. Edwin Quezada

From: Dr. Fenix Arias 

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Superintendent of Schools

**Dr. Fenix Arias**  
Manager of Administration

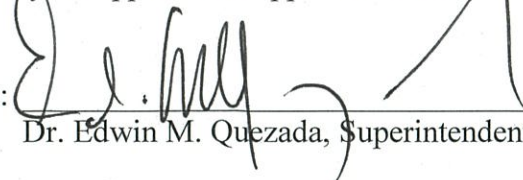
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Please indicate your approval/disapproval of this Emergency Declaration by signing below:

APPROVED:  8/31/21  
Dr. Edwin M. Quezada, Superintendent of Schools

DENIED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. Edwin M. Quezada, Superintendent of Schools

Cc: Bradford Gorson, T. Collich, J. Liszewski, L.E. Lassi