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## TRANSPORTATION AID DURING PANDEMIC RESOLUTION

*Whereas* school buildings in New York State were closed beginning on March 18, 2020, under Executive Order 202.4 related to the COVID-19 pandemic emergency, and the closures were extended through subsequent short-term Executive Orders through the end of the 2019-2020 school year; and

*Whereas* Education Law authorizes State reimbursement for a share of the approved costs incurred in transporting students to and from school; and

*Whereas* the federal CARES Act provides that aid recipients under the Education Stabilization Fund "...shall to the greatest extent practicable, continue to pay its employees and contractors during the period of any disruptions or closures related to the Coronavirus."; and

*Whereas* public school districts in New York State continued to pay to keep transportation vendors and employees on standby to resume duties when school buildings reopened and to ensure the infrastructure was maintained to have transportation services available when in-person education would resume; and

*Whereas* school districts incurred transportation costs related to the delivery of school meals, homework packets, devices, and wi-fi access for remote learning during the period when school buildings were closed; and

*Whereas* NYS Education Law does not authorize the State to reimburse transportation-related costs without the physical presence of students traveling to and from school buildings;

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED* that:

The Board of Education of the Scarsdale Union Free School District calls upon New York State leaders to take immediate action to amend Education Law to ensure the reimbursement of transportation aid to for school district costs related to transportation infrastructure, delivery of materials, or keeping vendors or employees on standby for the duration of the declared COVID-19 state of emergency.

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