



Legislation Text

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Resolution calling upon the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the New York City Department of Education to provide additional rides on Student Metrocards or Supplemental Student Metrocards, and to extend the valid time limits of such cards in order to enable students to participate in school-related and after-school activities.

By Council Members Foster

Whereas, The New York City Department of Education provides elementary and secondary school students with full-fare and half-fare Metropolitan Transportation Authority Metrocards; and

Whereas, A full-fare Student Metrocard is restricted to three trips per school day on both subway and surface bus lines between the hours of 5:30 am and 8:30 pm; and

Whereas, A half-fare Student Metrocard is restricted to three trips per school day on surface transportation only; and

Whereas, A special four-trip Student Metrocard can be obtained upon the principal's request; and

Whereas, Many school-related extracurricular activities, such as sports programs, community service, tutoring, mentoring sessions and internships, may require a student to make more than three trips per day, occur beyond the 8:30 pm deadline, and/or occur on the weekends; and

Whereas, Students participate in school-related extracurricular activities to gain enriching experiences, which contributes to their overall academic success; and

Whereas, In order to encourage and facilitate greater involvement in positive after-school and other school-related activities, additional rides should be provided on Student Metrocards or Supplemental Student Metrocards, which should be issued to students upon presentation of proof of their active participation in such activities; and

Whereas, The time limits on usage of such cards should be extended in order to enable students to travel to and from activities later at night and on weekends; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the New York City Department of Education to provide additional rides on Student Metrocards or Supplemental Student Metrocards, and to extend the valid time limits of such cards in order to enable students to participate in school-related and after-school activities.

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