

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2024**

**Statement from the ACLU of Rhode Island:**

The ACLU of Rhode Island has [received a response](#) from the Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) in response to the ACLU's demand for an immediate fix to the school bus transportation failure involving students with disabilities in Providence that began last week. We are pleased that the response indicates that steps have been and are being taken to resolve the problem, and that almost all bus routes are now fully covered.

It is important for affected parents to note that RIDE has indicated that they will be able to request reimbursement for any transportation costs incurred getting their children to and from school, and to request compensatory services for their children who missed educational time. Since RIDE itself has not publicized these remedies, the ACLU of RI encourages families to pursue them, and to contact us if they encounter any problems in getting the relief RIDE has specified they are entitled to, or if any transportation problems persist.

You can read a copy of the letter from RIDE [here](#).