

SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE



DUWAYNE GREGORY, PRESIDING OFFICER

September 9, 2015

Mr. Ronald Baumann
Baumann and Sons Buses, Inc.
3355 Veterans Memorial Highway
Ronkonkoma, New York 11779

Dear Mr. Baumann:

We are writing to express our concerns about the status of contract negotiations between your company and Teamsters Local 1205. Parents, teachers and school officials are worried that the children in schools all across Long Island will be left without any means to get to school in the event of a strike; and we certainly understand and appreciate their apprehensions.

We strongly urge you to reach a settlement which meets the needs of your business, but is also fair and equitable for your workforce.

We understand that many of your employees work for very low wages and pay significant costs to provide health care for themselves and their families, if they can afford it at all. These employees, who take responsibility for transporting our children to and from school every day – many of them special needs students – should not be distracted by concerns about their day to day economic survival.

There is a well-established standard for wages and benefits for school bus drivers, assistants and mechanics on Long Island. It is our expectation that your company would maintain conditions similar to what many other school bus companies have provided for their employees in Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

Please let us know if there is any way we can be helpful to you in achieving an outcome that alleviates the concerns of our communities and allows your workforce to focus on transporting the most precious cargo there is, our children.

Sincerely,

DuWayne Gregory
Presiding Officer

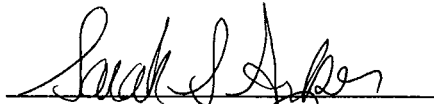
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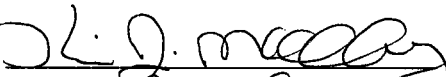
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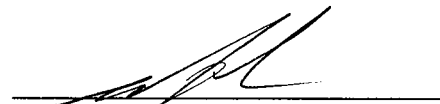

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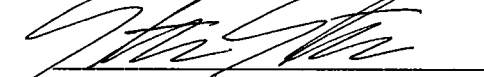

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