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**Cc:** David Jackson

**Subject:** Our support to the School Bus Service

Dear Council Members of Los Gatos,

This is to express our support for the continuation of the school bus service for the next school year. Both our kids (one in Fisher and one at the High School) have used this service since it started and it has made a huge positive impact in our lives.

The recent survey sent has caused some serious concerns. It seems to be written in such a way to get parents to worry and answer NO to our children riding the bus. Of course we will always put our children's safety first. If the COVID situation does not show signs of improvement, then schools will remain closed and our kids will not be taking the bus.

When or if schools reopen, we will all have to take the necessary measures to maintain a safe environment. Here are some ideas:

- \* Our kids will wear their masks on the bus, stay in their assigned seats and bring a book to minimize conversations.
- \* I don't see why the busses cannot be wiped before and after the service. Kids can bring their own wipes and clean their seats themselves if necessary.
- \* Most days, there are enough seats open so that each kid can ride in their own seat, by a window. Even more so if schools reopen on a hybrid basis.

There are measures that can be taken to safely ride the bus in this new reality that all of us are forced to live in. Without a bus service, parents will have to carpool, so there will be absolutely no social distance there!

Our Town Council has already approved this service. Please, continue to support the school bus service.

Sincerely,

Carolina and David Jackson

**From:** Holly Bins  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 3:23 PM  
**To:** Council <[Council@losgatosca.gov](mailto:Council@losgatosca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Support for the School Bus Service

Dear Council Members of Los Gatos,

I am writing to express my continued support for the school bus service for the upcoming 2020-21 school year. Our three children have ridden the school bus since the service's inception. The ease of use, decreased traffic congestion, and independence building in our children prompts me to write this letter of support.

The Town Staff sent out another survey to determine the community's desire and willingness to continue the bus service in light of the current COVID-19 pandemic. The survey questions were written to determine how willing we were to risk the lives of our children and households if the school bus service does not practice common COVID-19 safety parameters.

The bias of these queries leads our community to question the Town staff's intent and desire to quash a service that our Town Council already approved.

I strongly believe that our Town Council can both keep its promise to provide this valuable service to the families as well as practice COVID-19 safety parameters.

Please continue to support the school bus service.

Respectfully,

Holly Bins