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Dear Parents and Guardians of Charter School Students,

This letter serves as a follow-up to our previous communication regarding updated transportation arrangements for charter school students for the upcoming school year. As a reminder, the district is transitioning eligible charter students to fully sponsored LANTA public bus passes for their daily commute.

To help families plan accordingly, age eligibility for these transit arrangements will follow a phased schedule. Students who are 12 years of age or older by the first day of school will transition immediately to LANTA bus passes. Students who turn 12 between the second day of school and December 31st will remain on school district transportation (yellow buses) through the fall, transitioning to LANTA passes effective January 1st. Finally, students who turn 12 on January 1st or thereafter will remain on yellow bus transportation for the remainder of the school year and become eligible for LANTA passes the following school year.

To secure your child's sponsored pass prior to the start of the school year, a parent or guardian must report in person to the Registration Office at the Education Center (2932 Zephyr Blvd.) during one of our designated pickup windows:

- Monday, August 3rd: 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM
- Tuesday, August 4th: 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Please bring the following items with you:

- Completed Act 372 Forms: You must submit a separate, completed form for each child.
- Proof of Residency: Provide your deed, tax bill, or lease, along with a current utility bill, pay stub, or bank statement.

Once your paperwork and residency are verified, our office will provide your student with their sponsored LANTA bus pass at no cost to your family. Our staff will be on hand during pass pickup to assist you directly with route planning, identifying your student's bus stop, and downloading transit apps on your phone.

We recognize that navigating public transit may be a new experience for your family, and we want to ensure you have the tools to plan a smooth, confident commute. You can plan your child’s commute online by visiting lantabus.com and using their built-in Trip Planner, or by entering the school's address into Google Maps or Apple Maps and selecting the public transit option. For real-time updates on your phone, we strongly encourage downloading the free Transit app or the myStop app. These mobile tools allow both you and your

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child to track bus arrivals live, view schedules, and monitor route progress in real time. Additionally, we recommend taking a trial ride with your student prior to the first day of school so they become comfortable with their specific stops and morning timing.

Thank you for your understanding, partnership, and adaptability as we implement this new program. Our priority remains ensuring that all students arrive at school safely and ready to learn each day. If you have any immediate questions or specific concerns regarding your child's commute, please do not hesitate to contact our transportation office. Additionally, should you decide that this transit arrangement does not suit your family's needs and would rather your student utilize traditional school district transport, please contact Michelle Khouri (khourim@whitehallcoplay.org) to enroll your child at WCSD.

Sincerely,

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