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SUBJECT: Busing to Marlboro High School

Dear Resident,

As you may know, I have been actively working with Assembly Speaker Coughlin, and Senators Gopal and O'Scanlon to restore 'courtesy' busing in Marlboro for our high school students. As I have stated repeatedly, I believe the term 'courtesy' to be a misnomer. Busing for our kids is not just some discretionary program, but an urgent matter of public safety.

As Mayor, despite the fact that I have no formal governmental role in either the Freehold Regional High School District (FRHSD) or Marlboro K-8 school district, I can and will continue to be a strong advocate for our residents' safety, quality of life and education.

This morning, I testified at the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee and am pleased to report that bill S-3950 that would restore busing for more than 3,000 students in FRHSD has been approved and is now headed for a vote. I anticipate that the bill will pass both houses and be signed by the Governor, restoring this essential service for our kids and families.

As a product of the Marlboro schools, I say with confidence and pride that our public school system is one of the most highly-regarded in the State. The quality of our school system is without question one of the primary motivating factors behind families decision to choose Marlboro as a place to live, work and raise a family. In this light, it is incumbent upon our leaders to ensure that our kids get to and from school safely, and I am optimistic that this issue has now received the attention it deserves at the State level.

As this legislation progresses, as always, I will keep you updated through Town email, official social media and the website. If you are not receiving weekly updates to your inbox, scan the QR code above or visit the website at marlboro-nj.gov and enter your email in the blue box.

Yours in community,

Jonathan L. Hornik

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