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POSSIBLE SCHOOL BUS STRIKE MAY RESULT IN INCREASED DEMAND FOR FOR-HIRE VEHICLE SERVICES

The New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) wishes to alert its regulated industries that a possible school bus strike may result in significantly increased business volume for for-hire vehicle bases.

If a school bus strike were to occur, it is anticipated that many parents of schoolchildren who are usually transported by school buses may rely heavily on for-hire vehicle services to transport children to and from school. That being the case, the TLC would like the members of its regulated industries to note the following:

- In the event of a school bus strike, the TLC expects its regulated industries to cooperate with affected families to the fullest extent possible in making transportation available.
- **Price gouging will not be tolerated.** In the event of a school bus strike, the TLC will be carefully monitoring services being made available to affected families, and will hold bases and drivers strictly accountable for compliance with regulations limiting the charging of fares to those currently on file with the Commission.

If a school bus strike were to occur, the TLC's Customer Service Call Center - at 311 - would expand its hours of operation to allow affected families to obtain information about TLC-licensed bases and to confirm that rates quoted and charged by these For-Hire Vehicle bases match those on file with the Commission.

The public may also view listings of licensed For-Hire Vehicle bases on its official web site at www.NYC.gov/taxi.

- In the event of a school bus strike, the TLC strongly encourages its licensed For-Hire Vehicle bases to offer discounted fares to affected families to the extent possible.