

ISSUE: Nonpublic school transportation continues to be hampered by a number of problems which emphasize the major difficulties that nonpublic school parents face in attempting to get safe rides to school for their children. The major budget issue for Governor Christie's Fiscal Year 2017 on this topic is the failure for the ceiling for nonpublic school transportation to be increased since 2008.

OUR POSITION: **The New Jersey Catholic Conference and the New Jersey Network of Catholic School Families support every attempt to provide equitable transportation services for nonpublic school pupils. The focused issue in this Alert (and in this Budget cycle for the Governor) is the increase to the \$884.00 ceiling for nonpublic school transportation.**

ACTION: Call, write, or email the office of Governor Chris Christie at the address listed below. Parents should be encouraged to tell their stories in great detail with regard to how their children face greater challenges in getting to school than their neighboring public school children. We encourage any efforts made to contact members of the Governor's staff that you may know personally with regard to this effort. Please note that this initiative is focused strictly on the Governor at this time because the Legislature will not begin developing a Budget until the Governor's Budget has been presented in February.

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You can also contact Governor Christie through the NJCC Voter Voice System Transportation <https://voterveice.net/NJCC/Campaigns/43871/Respond>