

City of Fall River Massachusetts

Office of the City Clerk

ALISON M. BOUCHARD
CITY CLERK

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ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

MEETING: Monday, August 27, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.
Council Chamber, One Government Center

PRESENT: President Cliff Ponte, presiding;
Councilors Shawn E. Cadime, Steven A. Camara,
Bradford L. Kilby, Pam Laliberte-Lebeau, Stephen R. Long,
Leo O. Pelletier and Derek R. Viveiros

ABSENT: Councilor Joseph D. Camara

IN ATTENDANCE: Cathy Ann Viveiros, City Administrator
Joseph I. Macy, Corporation Counsel
Laura Ferreira, Director of Traffic
Chief John D. Lynch, Fall River Fire Department
John Perry, Manager of Operations, Streets and Highways Department
Robert L. Beatty, Executive Director, Atlantis Charter School
991 Jefferson Street
Lt. Paul Bernier, Fall River Police Department

President Cliff Ponte called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by a salute to the flag and announced that the meeting may be recorded with audio or video and transmitted through any medium.

Agenda:

1. Citizen Input

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Subject</u>
Robert L. Beatty	991 Jefferson Street	Atlantis Charter School
Jeffrey Fein	994 Jefferson Street	Spectrum Lighting
<i>On a motion made by Councilor Steven A. Camara and seconded by Councilor Leo O. Pelletier, it was unanimously voted to waive the rules to allow Jeffrey Fein to finish his statement.</i>		
M. Earle Gaudette	38 Gaudette Drive	Atlantis Charter School
Thomas Lambert	141 Barlow Street	Atlantis Charter School
Dominick Manchester	265 Middle Street	Atlantis Charter School
Richard Barlow	50 Anderson Street	Atlantis Charter School
Karl Duclos	843 Dickinson Street	Dickinson Street access
Richard V. Valeriana	633 Charles Street	Dickinson Street access
Carlos Pacheco	83 Dickinson Street	Atlantis Charter School
Cheryl Trask	61 Dickinson Street	Atlantis Charter School

2. Resolution regarding the use of Dickinson Street by the Atlantis Charter School

Councilor Shawn E. Cadime stated that there were changes requested that are in conflict with the agreement. Robert L. Beatty stated that the original plan had the school fronting on Dickinson Street. The traffic study stated that Dickinson Street and the surrounding area could handle the traffic, if the school staggered the start times and used buses. He also mentioned that the school paid for a detail officer last year and has hired a Resource Officer for the current year. The school has also implemented a colored tag program. Parents have different colored tags for certain grades, which allow them certain times to drop off and pick up students.

The Fire Chief stated that he has no problems with the Atlantis Charter School. The only issue was that parents were parking in the fire lanes and that has been corrected. Lieutenant Paul Bernier of the Fall River Police Department stated that the Police Department has no concerns at this time. Councilor Pam Laliberte-Lebeau asked what the school start times are. Robert L. Beatty stated the arrival times as follows:

Grades K through 6	8:30 a.m.
Grades 7 through 12	7:30 a.m.

He also stated that the release times are as follows:

Grades 9 through 12	2:20 p.m.
Grades 7 and 8	2:30 p.m.
Grades 4 through 6	3:00 p.m.
Grades K through 3	3:30 p.m.

He then stated that there are six Tremblay Buses and two Southeastern Regional Transit Authority Buses that would be using Dickinson Street to enter the Atlantis Charter School. These buses will exit via Jefferson Street.

On a motion made by Councilor Steven A. Camara and seconded by Councilor Bradford L. Kilby, it was voted 3 yeas, 5 nays to table the resolution with Councilors Shawn E. Cadime, Pam Laliberte-Lebeau, Leo O. Pelletier, Derek R. Viveiros and Cliff Ponte voting in the negative and Councilor Joseph D. Camara absent and not voting and the motion failed to carry. On a further motion made by Councilor Shawn E. Cadime and seconded by Councilor Stephen R. Long, it was voted 8 yeas to adopt the resolution with Councilor Joseph D. Camara absent and not voting.

3. Communication and Amendment to the Agreement between the City of Fall River and the Atlantis Charter School regarding the use of Dickinson Street

A motion was made by Councilor Bradford L. Kilby and seconded by Councilor Leo O. Pelletier to adopt the amended agreement. Councilor Pam Laliberte-Lebeau asked if the amendment could be amended. Corporation Counsel stated that it can be. Councilor Pam Laliberte-Lebeau then asked if SRTA had formally refused to use Jefferson Street to enter the school. Robert L. Beatty stated that they had. On a further motion made by Councilor Steven A. Camara and seconded by Councilor Bradford L. Kilby, it was voted 8 yeas to call the question, with Councilor Joseph D. Camara absent and not voting. A roll call vote on the motion to adopt the amended agreement was taken, 6 yeas, 2 nays with Councilors Shawn E. Cadime and Steven A. Camara voting in the negative and Councilor Joseph D. Camara absent and not voting.

4. Loan orders for the purpose of repairs and ADA compliance for:
a. Watson School Repairs in the amount of \$10,202,644
b. Tansey School Repairs in the amount of \$2,970,496

On a motion made by Councilor Steven A. Camara and seconded by Councilor Bradford L. Kilby, it was unanimously voted to authorize the two loan orders to be published and referred to the Committee on Finance, with Councilor Joseph D. Camara absent and not voting.

On a motion made by Councilor Shawn E. Cadime and seconded by Councilor Bradford L. Kilby, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:14 p.m.

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:

Agenda packet (attached)

CD and DVD of meeting

Various communications regarding the Atlantis Charter School

Letter from Atlantis Charter School to Atlantis Families

A true copy. Attest:



City Clerk

In City Council, October 23, 2018

Approved.



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FALL RIVER, MA

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CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, ONE GOVERNMENT CENTER

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ADA Coordinator: Gary P. Howayeck, Esq. 508-324-2650

City of Fall River, *In City Council*

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(Councilor Shawn E. Cadime)
(Vice President Pam Laliberte-Lebeau)

WHEREAS, an agreement between the City of Fall River and the Atlantis Charter School was executed on November 7, 2016, and

WHEREAS, the agreement contained language relating to vehicle access, and

WHEREAS, the school is attempting to use Dickinson Street as a means of egress, in direct conflict with the executed agreement, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the school immediately cease pursuing the option of using Dickinson Street, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that representatives from Atlantis Charter School be invited to a Special Meeting of the City Council to discuss access to the school.



JASIEL F. CORREIA II
Mayor

City of Fall River
Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor

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CITY CLERK _____
FALL RIVER, MA

August 22, 2018

The Honorable City Council
City of Fall River
One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02722

Honorable Council Members:

The Atlantis Charter School has requested an Amendment to the Agreement dated November 7, 2016 by and between the City and Atlantis Charter School, which Agreement includes a provision restricting their access on Dickinson Street to emergency vehicles only.

The Amendment is enclosed herein for your review and approval.

Regards,

Jasiel F. Correia II
Mayor

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First Modification to Agreement

August 22, 2018

In consideration of the mutual covenants set forth herein, as well as those set forth in the Agreement dated November 7, 2016 by and between the City of Fall River, a municipal corporation . Of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (at times referred to as the "City"), and the Atlantis Charter School, 37 Park Street, Fall River, MA 02721 (at times referred to as "Atlantis"), and do hereby covenant and agree to be bound by the following terms and conditions of this First Modification, and to the extent that there may be a conflict in terms between the First Modification and the Agreement, this First Modification shall control:

1. The obligations, of Atlantis as set forth in Paragraphs #1, 2, & 3 of the Agreement (see page 1 thereof) are hereby modified such that Atlantis may allow for buses to transport students to the Atlantis Charter School (991 Jefferson Street Extension, Fall River, MA) along Dickinson Street as follows:
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 - b. Access shall be limited to 6:45am to 9am and 2pm to 4:30pm, except for early dismissal and emergencies.
2. Any provisions set forth in the Agreement that previously precluded or prohibited Atlantis from utilizing Dickinson for the transportation of students to the Atlantis Charter School via bus and along Dickinson Street are amended by this Modification.
3. All other terms and provisions of the Agreement, unless modified hereby, remain in full force and effect.

Executed in Fall River, Massachusetts on the date first mentioned above.

Atlantis Charter School

City of Fall River

By: _____

By: _____

Robert Beatty, Executive Director

Jasiel F. Correia II, Mayor

By: _____

Matthew Burke, President of the

Board of Trustee



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FALL RIVER, MA

August 22, 2018

Honorable Members of the City Council
One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02722

RE: Appropriation/Loan Orders

Mr. President and Members of the Honorable City Council:

Superintendent Matthew Malone is respectfully requesting that the City appropriate the sum of \$13,173,140 for the purpose of repairs and ADA compliance to the Watson and Tansey Schools. The MSBA as part of the Massachusetts School Building Authority's Accelerated Buildings Repair Program will reimburse the City \$6,021,783. This appropriation is requested in the form of two loan orders, one each for the Watson School Repairs and for the Tansey School Repairs.

Your approval of appropriation/loan order is respectfully requested.

Best Regards,

Mayor Jasiel F. Correia II

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City of Fall River, *In City Council*

LOAN ORDER

(WATSON SCHOOL REPAIRS)

ORDERED: That the City appropriates the amount of Ten Million Two Hundred and Two Thousand Six Hundred Forty-four Dollars (\$10,202,644) for the purpose of paying costs for the replacement windows, doors, roof replacement and a boiler at the Samuel Watson Elementary School including the payment of all cost incidental or related thereto, and for which the City may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the City of Fall River. To meet this appropriation, the City Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The City acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the City incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the City, and that the amount borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the City and the MSBA, and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That the Treasurer is authorized to file an application with the appropriate officials of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (the "Commonwealth") to qualify under Chapter 44A of the General Laws any and all bond of the City to be issued pursuant to this Order, and to provide such information and execute such documents as such officials of the Commonwealth may require.

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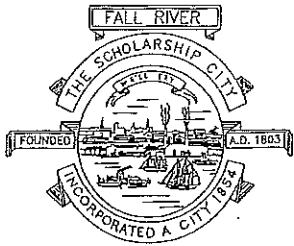
City of Fall River, *In City Council*

LOAN ORDER

(TANSEY SCHOOL REPAIRS)

ORDERED: That the City appropriates the amount of Two Million Nine Hundred and Seventy Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-six Dollars (\$2,970,496) for the purpose of paying costs for the replacement of windows, doors, and a boiler at the James Tansey Elementary School including the payment of all cost incidental or related thereto, and for which the City may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of City of Fall River. To meet this appropriation, the City Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The City acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the City incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the City, and that the amount borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the City and the MSBA, and,

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Regards,

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**CITY OF FALL RIVER
IN CITY COUNCIL**

AUG 27 2018

On a motion made by Councilor Bradford L. Kilby and seconded by Councilor Leo O. Pelletier, it was voted 6 yeas, 2 nays, to adopt the attached first modification to agreement, with Councilors Shawn E. Cadime and Steven A. Camara voting in the negative and Councilor Joseph D. Camara absent and not voting.

AGREEMENT

Agreement made this 07th day of ~~October~~ ^{November}, 2016 by and between the City of Fall River, a municipal corporation of the commonwealth of Massachusetts (at times referred to as the "City"), and the Atlantis Charter School, 37 Park Street, Fall River, MA 02721 (at times referred to as "Atlantis").

WHEREAS, the Atlantis Charter School, intends to build a new school on Lot D-20-1 bordered by Jefferson Street to the north, Dickinson Street to the south, wetlands to the west and the South Watuppa Pond to the east; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fall River and area residents have expressed concerns regarding the detrimental impact of traffic to the Dickinson Street area by the Atlantis Charter School; and

WHEREAS, the Atlantis Charter School is willing to address the traffic and safety issues to the extent and upon the terms hereinafter enumerated;

NOW THEREFORE, the City of Fall River and the Atlantis Charter School agree as follows:

Atlantis Charter School shall:

1. Require that all vehicles (buses, vehicles for employees, students and parents) shall enter the site via an access road to be constructed from Jefferson Street (hereinafter referred to as the "Access Road").
2. Construct a secondary emergency egress road to Dickinson Street that will be gated and closed except for emergency vehicle access by the Police/Fire Departments and/or release of vehicles during a temporary emergency event that renders the Jefferson Street driveway inaccessible. Said emergency must be related to Police/Fire emergency events and not for convenience.
3. In the event that the Access Road from Jefferson Street is not completed and ready to use when the School is ready to open in and about September of 2017; then the Dickinson Street access may be used on a temporary basis for access, and limited ingress and egress by construction vehicles related to Atlantis, only pursuant to Paragraph 7.

4. The Engineer for Atlantis has designed the flood control improvements referred to on Dickinson Street as set forth in the plan submitted to and approved by the City Engineer and the Administrator of Public Utilities and attached here to as "A". Atlantis shall construct said improvements in accordance with said plan. Atlantis shall not be held liable for flooding events or impacts related to these improvements as approved by the City after construction is complete, and the City shall hold harmless Atlantis from any claims related to the aforesaid improvements.

5. Donate approximately 23.7 acres of land including portions of the north and west side of the property to the City of Fall River Water Division. The exact land donation must be finalized in a sub division plan approved by and deeded to the City of Fall River; however it is to be consistent with the sketch annexed hereto as Exhibit "B". A portion of the premises to be received by the City may be subject to a temporary parking easement granted to the Center for Child Care and Development, Inc., that will become moot if the City purchases Lot D-20-16, as is contemplated herein. If the City does not make such purchase it will not be bound by prior agreements on the land it is receiving.

6. Disclose any land contamination issues on the existing site and mitigation efforts that are needed.

7. Avoid and minimize the use of Dickinson Street by any vehicles related to construction of the school to the greatest extent possible.

8. Atlantis shall support and not interfere with the City of Fall River land purchase efforts of Lot D-20-16 delineated below.

9. Atlantis shall cooperate with the City staff and Engineering Firms in providing access to the site and all related documentation requested.

The City of Fall River Shall:

1. Prepare the sub division plan for the land donation delineated above in accordance with the sketch annexed as Exhibit "B".
2. Said land donation shall be assigned to the Water Division for potential future use as a Water Treatment Facility for the South Watuppa Pond and protection of Sucker Brook.
3. Purchase the adjacent land known as Lot D-20-16 subject to the Owner's approval. Said land purchase shall be assigned to the Water Division for potential use as a Water Treatment Facility for the South Watuppa Pond. This purchase shall not involve or interfere with Atlantis School Project.

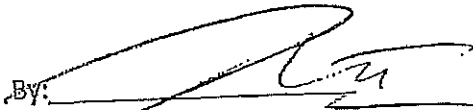
4. Improve the land donation denoted above in Atlantis Charter School Item 5 above to include a driveway/Access Road (to be designed and constructed by the City) to accommodate vehicular and pedestrian traffic for the Atlantis Charter School including the stream crossing and access from the existing Jefferson Street extension to the new property boundary to be created by the land division.
 - a. Atlantis shall be responsible for the continuation of that driveway on their remaining property to the school.
 - b. The City shall provide an access and transportation easement, in perpetuity, to the Atlantis Charter School for use of the driveway and stream crossing on City of Fall River land so as to allow for uninterrupted vehicular and pedestrian traffic along the Access Road to the remaining land of Atlantis. Said Easement shall also allow Atlantis to install and maintain appropriate signage so as to identify Atlantis.
 - c. Atlantis shall plow snow as needed for school access for the entire driveway to the existing Jefferson Street Extension.
 - d. The location of the Access Road shall be jointly discussed by the parties and shall be installed in a location that benefits both parties land and minimizes construction costs. The City to have the final determination as to road layout.
5. Submit a \$2,000,000 loan order subject to City Council approval to allow:
 - a. Construction of the stream crossing.
 - b. Construction of the driveway access.
 - c. All Related construction costs.
 - d. All related engineering, construction management, permitting costs.
 - e. Purchase of Lot D-20-16.
 - f. Any costs related to the City's commitments in this agreement.
6. Preserve the new City owned land denoted herein for open space conservation uses until such that time a Water Treatment Facility is constructed.
7. Submit for approval the revised site plan submittal by the Atlantis Charter School that will conform to the requirements of this agreement.
8. Approve the building permit for the Atlantis Charter School once the above noted revised site plan is approved and conformance to all requirements are in place.

EXECUTED at Fall River, Massachusetts on the date first mentioned above.

ATLANTIS CHARTER SCHOOL

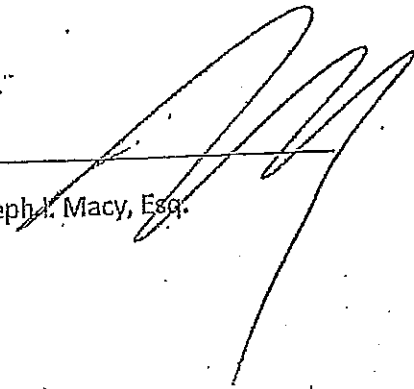
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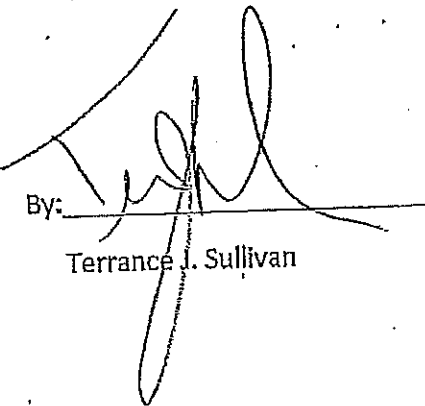
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By: 
Board of Trustees
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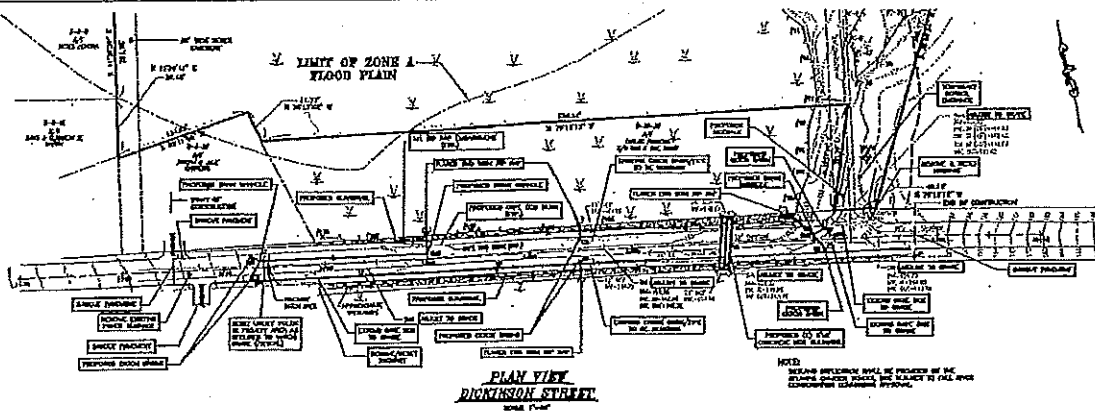
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Law Department as to Form
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By: 
Joseph J. Macy, Esq.

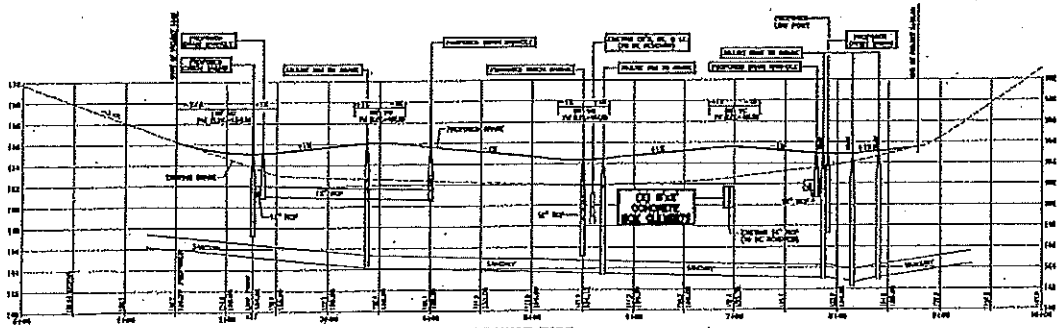
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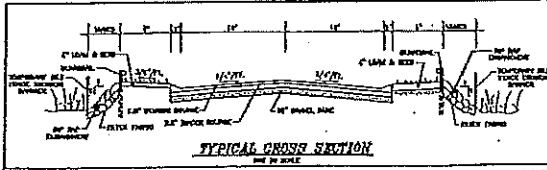
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**PLAN VIEW
DICKINSON STREET**
SCALE 1"=40'



**PROFILE VIEW
DICKINSON STREET**
SCALE 1"=40'



TYPICAL CROSS SECTION
SCALE 1"=10'

- NOTES**
1. EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS AT EACH ENDPOINT SHALL BE FINISHED TO MATCH EXISTING ADJACENT PLOTS AND THE ADJACENT DRIVEWAY AND DRIVEWAY SHALL BE FINISHED TO MATCH EXISTING DRIVEWAY.
 2. 36" DIA. 12' SPAN, 12' RISE SHALL BE USED FOR ALL BRIDGES.
 3. NEW DRIVE DRIVEWAYS SHALL BE SET IN A GRADE OF 1/4" PER FOOT TOWARDS THE ADJACENT DRIVEWAY OR SIDEWALK.
 4. THE TOP OF THE DRIVE DRIVEWAY SHALL BE 1/4" FROM THE DRIVEWAY GRADE AT THE DRIVE DRIVEWAY. THE DRIVE DRIVEWAY SHALL BE FINISHED AT A 1/4" GRADE FOR THE DRIVE DRIVEWAY.

LEGEND

	PROPERTY LINE		DRIVE/DRIVEWAY
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ATTACHMENT "A"

NO.	REVISION	DATE

PROJECT NO. 2018-001
 DATE: 10/15/2018
 SHEET NO. 002
 TOTAL SHEETS: 002
 PROJECT: ATLANTIS CHARTER SCHOOL
 DRAWING: IMPROVEMENT PLAN

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 SURVEYING & ENGINEERING
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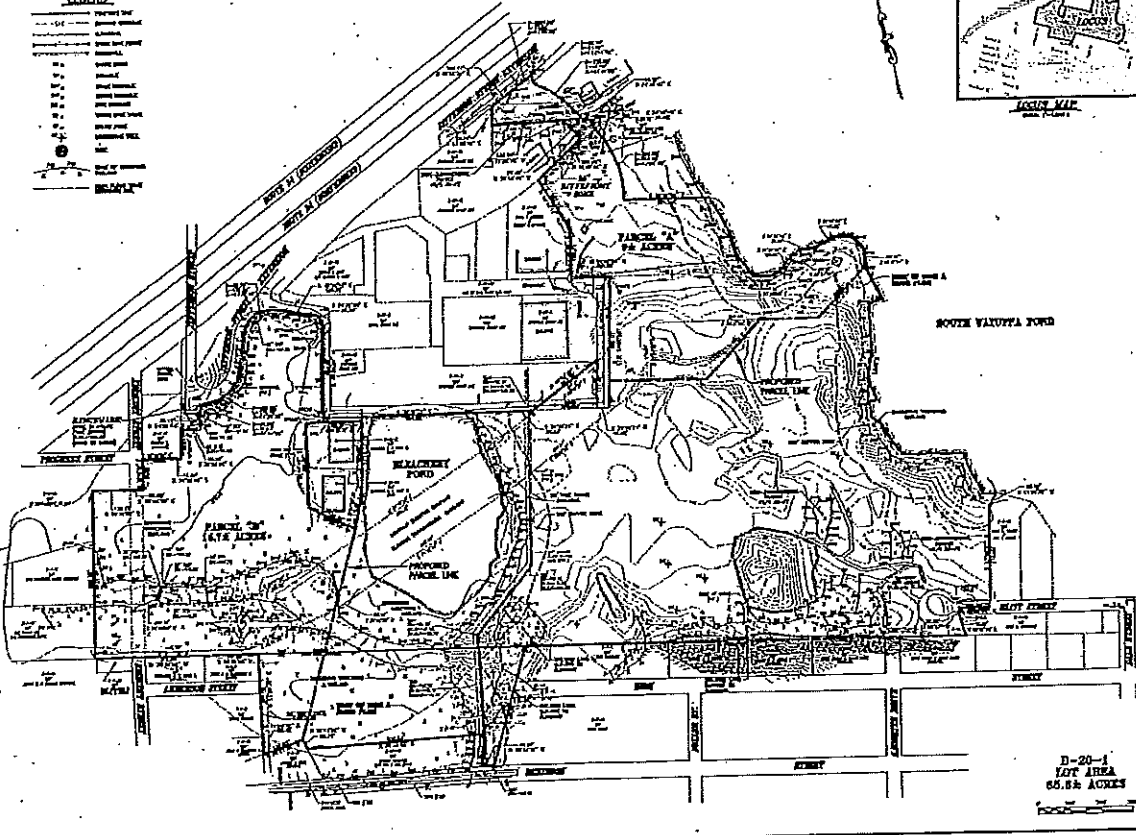
ATTACHMENT "B"

LEGEND

- Proposed Road
- Proposed Right-of-Way
- Proposed Easement
- Proposed Utility
- Proposed Structure
- Proposed Boundary
- Proposed Lot
- Proposed Subdivision
- Proposed Parcel
- Proposed Area
- Proposed Zone
- Proposed District
- Proposed City
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- Proposed Federal
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REGIONAL MAP



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PROJECT: ATLANTIC CHARTER SCHOOL
 PREPARED BY: SUTEC
 DATE: 11/15/00

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 SURVEYING & ENGINEERING
 1111 N. W. 10th St.
 Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33304
 Phone: 754-561-1111
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D-20-1
 LOT AREA
 65.8± ACRES

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Atlantis Charter School

By: 

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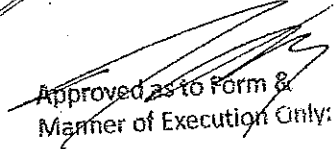
By: 

Matthew Burke, President of the
Board of Trustee

City of Fall River

By: 

Jasiel F. Correia-II, Mayor


Approved as to Form &
Manner of Execution Only:



August 17, 2018

Dear Atlantis Families,

We hope that you have had a safe and fun summer! The Atlantis staff and administration are looking forward to welcoming your child(ren) back to school for an exciting year. With the start of school quickly approaching, we want to share important information regarding school transportation and arrival and dismissal procedures. Please take the time to carefully review this letter.

Opening Day

Students in grades 1-12 begin school on Monday, August 27th. Kindergarten students begin on Tuesday, August 28th.

Upper School Arrival

Grades 7-12

- School starts at 7:30 am
- Students may begin arriving at 7:15 am
- Students in grades 7-12 should be dropped off in Zone A.

Lower School Arrival

Grades K-6

- School starts at 8:30 am
- Students may begin arriving at 7:45 (unless they are participating in Kids' Cove)
- Students are to be dropped off in zones B and C.
(Parents are asked to please follow traffic and pull all the way up to the top of Zone B.)
- Please do not park your car and escort your child into the building. Staff will be waiting to greet your child in each zone and ensure that they enter the building safely. Once inside, there will also be staff assisting all students to their appropriate classrooms.
(While we understand this may be difficult for some parents, particularly in the initial days of school and with our younger students, not adhering to these rules will lead to traffic blocks, enormous delays, and unsafe conditions for everyone.)

Upper School Dismissal

Grades 9-12 will be dismissed at 2:20 pm from Zone A.

Grades 7-8 will be dismissed at 2:30 pm from Zone B.

Lower School Dismissal

For students in grades K-6, please use the chart below for the appropriate grade level dismissal times and zone pick up. Please note that we will only allow cars to enter school grounds for pick up within 15 minutes ahead of the scheduled dismissal time. We will again be using color coded car tags for dismissal, which will be based on your child's grade level and pick up zone. Parents will be provided with two color coded tags per child.

Grade	Pick Up Zone	Dismissal Time	Do not come for dismissal until
6	Zone B	3:00 pm	2:45 pm
5	Zone C	3:00 pm	2:45 pm
4	Zone C	3:00 pm	2:45 pm
3	Zone C	3:30 pm	3:15 pm
2	Zone B	3:30 pm	3:15 pm
1	Zone B	3:30 pm	3:15 pm
K	Zone C	3:30 pm	3:15 pm

Bus Transportation

Atlantis is pleased to offer a busing option for the 2018-19 school year. This option serves two purposes:

1. To provide our families with another option to get their child to school safely and on time.
2. To alleviate the heavy traffic congestion on and around school campus during arrival and dismissal.

Atlantis has been working closely with the City of Fall River to establish this option for our families. Please note the following conditions:

- **Dickinson Street will be used exclusively for Atlantis bus service.**

Dickinson Street must be kept clear of Atlantis car traffic to allow the safe passage of buses into Atlantis's property. The City Traffic Department will designate "No Parking" areas during Atlantis arrival and dismissal times at, and around, Atlantis's Dickinson Street access point to ensure safe

bus passage. This area will be monitored by police, and failure to abide by "No Parking" designations will lead to cars being tagged and towed as necessary.

- **Parent drop offs and pick ups must use Jefferson Street Extension.**
Atlantis has partnered with the city to improve the infrastructure of Jefferson Street Extension, to include the construction of a sidewalk.
- **Atlantis strongly encourages the use of the busing options outlined below if they work for your family.**

As you read the information below, please understand that this is the first time that Atlantis has offered bus transportation services. We fully anticipate that our bus services will evolve over time. However, like with any new big undertaking, we are asking for your support and patience as we navigate through these early growing stages.

Busing will be available starting on the first day of school for both our K-6 and 7-12 students. However, parents must complete and return a bus registration form prior to a student being allowed to get on a bus. Please see below for additional details.

Upper School Busing

For students in grades 7-12, Atlantis has established an agreement with the Southeastern Regional Transit Authority ("SRTA") that will provide transportation service to and from the school campus. These are public city buses that will follow their normal routes throughout the city and now have a direct drop-off and pick-up at the school. *Atlantis will pay for monthly bus passes for students in grades 7-12 only.*

There will be two SRTA buses, Route 5 and Route 9, that will provide service to the school in the morning. Route 5 will arrive at the school at approximately 7:10 am and Route 9 will arrive at the school at approximately 7:20 am.

Morning Service:

- Route 5 outbound from the bus terminal departs at 6:50 am and arrives at the school at approximately 7:10 am
- Route 9 inbound from the terminal departs at approximately 7:03 and arrives at the school at approximately 7:20 am

There will be two buses in the afternoon, both Route 5, that will provide a staggered dismissal; one leaving the school at 2:40 pm and the other at 3:35 pm.

Afternoon Service

- Route 5 departs the school at 2:40 pm
- Route 5 departs the school at 3:35 pm

For your convenience, we have enclosed a city bus schedule. It is up to each family to determine if their student will be getting the appropriate bus at the terminal or along established route stops. Likewise, students in the afternoon are able to get off at the terminal or along established bus stops.

It is important for our parents to take note of the following in regards to the SRTA busing:

- This option is available only for our students in grades 7-12.
- Atlantis does not have jurisdiction over SRTA. This is a city service that is being extended to the grade 7-12 students at ACS.
- Other bus commuters, besides Atlantis students, may be riding the SRTA buses.

Bus Passes

Parents/students will be able to pick up their bus passes prior to the start of school on Thursday, August 23rd from 5:00pm-7:30pm in the 7-12 Main Entrance Lobby. In order for students to receive a bus pass, parents, or students over the age of 18, need to return the enclosed bus registration form prior to receiving a bus pass. Parents may drop off the bus registration form at the school during our school hours (7:00 am-3:00 pm) or complete it electronically and e-mail it to Diane Boutin at dbout@atlantiscs.org prior to August 23rd. Parents/students may also complete the bus registration form on the evening of August 23rd.

The school will not be responsible for replacing lost bus passes. Students will need to provide their own bus passes for the month if their school-issued pass is lost.

Lower School Busing

For students in grades K-6, traditional school buses will be offered through Trembley's Bus Company. Because Atlantis serves the entire city of Fall River, the school is not financially able to offer street-by-street bus service throughout the city. Rather, the school has established two designated bus stops located where many Atlantis families live (based on an analysis of student addresses). Those locations are Maplewood Park and Kennedy Park.

The chart below identifies the important pick up, arrival, and departure times that parents need to know.

Maplewood Park				Kennedy Park*			
AM	Buses	PM	Buses	AM	Buses	PM	Buses
7:30	Arrive at Maplewood Park	2:50	Arrive ACS	7:25	Arrive Kennedy Park	2:50	Arrive ACS
7:35	Depart Maplewood Park	3:00	Depart ACS	7:30	Depart Kennedy Park	3:00	Depart ACS
7:45	Arrive ACS	3:10	Arrive Maplewood Park	7:45	Arrive ACS	3:15	Arrive Kennedy Park
7:50	Depart ACS	3:15	Depart Maplewood Park	7:50	Depart ACS	3:20	Depart Kennedy Park
8:00	Arrive Maplewood Park	3:25	Arrive ACS	8:05	Arrive Kennedy Park	3:35	Arrive ACS
8:05	Depart Maplewood Park	3:30	Depart ACS	8:10	Depart Kennedy Park	3:40	Depart ACS
8:15	Arrive ACS	3:40	Arrive Maplewood Park	8:25	Arrive ACS	3:55	Arrive Kennedy Park
		PM	Late Bus			PM	Late Bus
		4:05	Arrive ACS			4:15	Arrive ACS
		4:15	Depart ACS			4:20	Depart ACS
		4:25	Arrive Maplewood Park			4:35	Arrive Kennedy Park

*Pickup at Kennedy Park will be on the corner of Broadway and Bradford near the water fountain

Please be aware of the following conditions regarding K-6 transportation:

- K-6 bus transportation is for our K-6 students only
Students in grades 7-12 are not allowed to use K-6 buses, even if they have a younger sibling in those grades.
- Parents should arrive to the bus stop at least 5 minutes prior to the designated departure times in the morning. The buses are on a very tight schedule and WILL NOT WAIT for any students.
- In the morning, students are to wait for the bus departure in the designated waiting areas, not in their cars. This will ensure buses maintain their schedule.

- Parents are required to wait with their child(ren) at the bus stop until students are loaded on the bus.
- Among K-6 bus riders, there are no grade level designations for the buses in the morning.
- Atlantis will allow students in grades 4-6 (who are dismissed at 3:00 pm) to wait at the school and ride the bus with their younger siblings in K-3 (who are dismissed at 3:30). **This will be for siblings only.** All other bus riders in grades 4-6 must use the 3:00 bus.
- Parents are asked to be at the bus stop at least 5 minutes prior to the designated arrival times in the afternoon. It is critical that you, or the appropriate adult, are there on time to greet your child off the bus.
- Adults picking up your child off the bus must be the same adults listed in the emergency contact section of the student enrollment form.
- Students who do not have an appropriate adult to pick them up on time at the bus stop will be brought back to the school. It will then be the responsibility of the parent to make arrangements to pick up their child directly at the school. Repeated failure by a parent to pick up their child on time from the bus stop will result in the student's loss of busing privileges.
- Atlantis will be providing bus monitors in the morning and afternoon. In the afternoon, their role is to ensure that students are picked up by appropriate adults. Bus monitors will not individually walk students to parked cars. Parents are responsible to get out of their vehicles and retrieve their child off the bus.
- The late bus is designated only for students that have a specific reason to be at the school later than the regular dismissal time. For example, participation in tutoring, clubs, after-school turn-around session, etc.
- If you anticipate using bus transportation, it is important that you complete the enclosed bus registration form as soon as possible and return it to school during our business hours (7:00-3:00 pm) or e-mail it to Diane Boutin at dbout@atlantiscs.org. Your child can return the bus registration form on the first day of school. However, it is important to know they will not be able to ride the bus in the morning, on the first day, without the school receiving the completed form prior to that day.

Again, we would like to stress that there may be changes to the bus schedule as we live it and adapt to issues that may arise over the course of the year. We will continue to send updates on busing and keep parents aware of any revisions that take place over the course of the year.

Kids Cove

Atlantis will continue to offer before and after school child care through our Kids Cove Program.

Students in grades K-6 can access Kids Cove in the morning from 6:30 am-7:45 am and in the afternoon from dismissal until 5:45. Atlantis will provide morning supervision to all students from 7:45-8:30 at no cost to the parent.

Students in grades 7 and 8 can access Kids Cove from 6:30am -7:15 am and then in the afternoon from 2:30-5:45.

Students must be registered in order to participate in Kids Cove Services. For more information, please contact Eric Wanke, Kids Cove Coordinator, at 508-672-1821 or ewank@atlantiscs.org.

Security and Safety

We are pleased to share that Officer Scott Cabral from the Fall River Police Department (FRPD) will now be the full time School Resource Officer (SRO) at Atlantis. Officer Cabral's role will be to enforce the safety and security of our students, staff, and families in and around the Atlantis property. Officer Cabral will also be working on various developmentally appropriate programming with our students that help promote making good choices and positive citizenship.

As you can imagine, our campus and surrounding area will have a great deal of activity once we begin school. We ask that you drive slowly at all times and obey all traffic signs. Atlantis will once again have a great deal of administration and staff outside at arrival and dismissal, assisting with traffic, and helping your students get in the building as quickly and safely as possible. We ask that you please be kind to our staff! We are out there doing the very best that we can for your children! If you have any questions or concerns about our process, please don't hesitate to call the school at 672-1821 (K-6) and 646-6410 (7-12).

We look forward to another great school year with you and your child!

In educational partnership,
The Atlantis Administrative Team



Lower School: Grades K – 6
Bus Registration Form

Transportation services will be provided by Trembley’s Bus Company for students in Grades K-6. Please complete a form for each student in your household.

Student Name: _____

D.O.B: _____ Grade for 2018-2019: _____

My student will be taking the bus with a sibling:

Yes - Sibling Name: _____ Sibling Grade: _____

<i>Please complete the section for the bus route your student will be taking</i>	
Maplewood Park	Kennedy Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Morning Bus: Departure Times: 7:35 AM, 8:05 AM	<input type="checkbox"/> Morning Bus: Departure Times: 7:30 AM, 8:10 AM
<input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon Bus: <input type="checkbox"/> 3:00 PM for Grades 4-6 <input type="checkbox"/> 3:30 PM for Grades K-3 and Grades 4-6 students with younger siblings only	<input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon Bus: <input type="checkbox"/> 3:00 PM for Grades 4-6 <input type="checkbox"/> 3:40 PM for Grades K-3 and Grades 4-6 students with younger siblings only

<i>Dismissal from Bus</i>	
Grades K – 3	Grades 4 – 6
<input type="checkbox"/> Parent/Guardian Pick Up (Must be on dismissal list) <input type="checkbox"/> Walking Home from Bus (ONLY allowed with an older sibling that is in Grades 4 – 6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Parent/Guardian Pick Up (Must be on dismissal list) <input type="checkbox"/> Walking Home from Bus

By signing this bus registration form, you are consenting to your student taking the bus at the scheduled pick up and/or drop off times designated by the school. Parents/Guardians are responsible for getting their student to the bus stop on time in the morning and are required to be at the bus stop on time to pick up their student in the afternoon. Students will not be released to adults that are not on the emergency contact list. Students taking bus transportation are to comply with all rules set forth by Atlantis Charter School. Unsafe behavior on the part of the student, or parent/guardian failure to abide by the above rules, will result in a conference with school administration, possible disciplinary action, and loss of busing privileges.

 Parent/Guardian Name

 Parent/Guardian Signature

 Date



Upper School: Grades 7 – 12
Bus Registration Form

Transportation services will be provided by SRTA for students in Grades 7 – 12. Please complete a form for each student in your household.

Student Name: _____

D.O.B: _____ Grade for 2018-2019: _____

When will your student be using bus transportation? Please check all boxes that apply:

Morning

Afternoon

Both

By signing this bus registration form, you are consenting to your student taking the bus at the scheduled pick up and/or drop off times designated by SRTA. Parents, guardians and/or students are responsible for getting to the bus stop on time. Students taking bus transportation are to comply with all rules set forth by the bus company and Atlantis Charter School. Unsafe behavior on the part of the student, or parent failure to abide by the above rules, will result in a conference with school administration, possible disciplinary action, and loss of busing privileges.

Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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From: City Council
Sent: Monday, August 27, 2018 4:50 PM
To: City Clerk; Bradford Kilby (AOL); Clifff Ponte; C Ponte; Cliff Ponte (GMAIL); Derek Viveiros (GMAIL); Derek Viveiros; Leite, Ines; joeicecam@aol.com; Pam Piela (Hotmail); Pamela Laliberte-Lebeau; Shawn Cadime (GMAIL); Shawn Cadime (GMail); slong1147@aol.com; Steve Camara (stevecamara.com)
Subject: FW: Atlantis Letter
Attachments: Gaudette Letter.pdf

See email below from the City Administrator and the attached letter.

Thanks,
Colleen

*Colleen A. Taylor
City Council Secretary
City Council Office
One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02722*

*Telephone (508)324-2233
Fax (508)324-2234*

From: Cathy A. Viveiros
Sent: Monday, August 27, 2018 4:48 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Atlantis Letter

Hi Colleen: Please provide a copy of the attached to all Councilors. Thanks. Cathy

City Administrator
City of Fall River
One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02722
Telephone: 508-324-2600
Email: cviveiros@fallriverma.org

August 16, 2018

Mr. Jasiel F. Correia

Mayor Fall River Mass.

1 Government Center

Fall River, Mass 02722

Dear Mayor Correia,

As the President of the Fall River Maplewood Neighborhood Organization I am happy to inform you that at our monthly meeting on Wednesday August 15, 2018 our organization accepted the proposal brought to us by the Atlantis Charter School.

Also, we are happy to inform you that we also approved to purchase two benches for the new playground donated by the Kraft family in Maplewood Park.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "M Earl Gaudette". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

M Earl Gaudette

President of the Maplewood Neighborhood Organization

Fw: URGENT: Busing update and City Council action Monday at 5:30

Pamela Laliberte-Lebeau <plali9372@hotmail.com>

Mon 8/27/2018 3:52 PM

To: City Council <City_Council@fallriverma.org>;

Would you please print me a hard copy of this email.

Thanks!
Pam

From: Pamela Laliberte-Lebeau <plali9372@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 24, 2018 10:27:15 PM
To: Cliff Ponte
Subject: Fw: URGENT: Busing update and City Council action Monday at 5:30

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From: Diane Boutin <dbout@atlantiscs.org>
Date: Thu, Aug 23, 2018 at 2:51 PM
Subject: URGENT: Busing update and City Council action Monday at 5:30
To: <cherrylynsimmons@gmail.com>

Dear Atlantis parents,

We regret to inform you that Atlantis has received a resolution from the Fall River City Council to "immediately cease pursuing the option of using Dickinson Street" for busing. Atlantis was surprised and disappointed to receive this resolution after meeting the city's requirement that the school come to agreement with the Maplewood Association, which happened on August 15th.

As a result of this action, **Atlantis is unable to offer SRTA bus transportation for students in grades 7-12 on the first day of school—Monday, August 27th.** Bus transportation for grades 7-12 after

Monday will depend upon the outcome of Monday evening's City Council meeting. Students who have registered for 7-12 busing can still pick up bus passes tonight, Thursday, from 5:00-7:30.

K-6 bus transportation will proceed as planned, with buses approaching the school via Jefferson Street. Please note and prepare for this impact on Jefferson Street traffic.

The City Council meeting is on Monday, August 27th, at 5:30pm at Government Center. Atlantis parents are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting to advocate on behalf of our school and to support our plan to use Dickinson on a very limited basis to allow bus access. This is a compromise that improves traffic on both sides of the school's campus and, most importantly, provides greater safety and security for your children.

Please plan to attend the city council meeting on Monday at 5:30 if you are able.

Thank you,
Atlantis Administration

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Fw: ACS Transportation and Bus Registration

Pamela Laliberte-Lebeau <plali9372@hotmail.com>

Mon 8/27/2018 3:53 PM

To: City Council <City_Council@fallriverma.org>;

Please print me a copy of this email. Also a copy of the 2 links at the bottom.

From: Pamela Laliberte-Lebeau <plali9372@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 24, 2018 10:26:38 PM
To: Cliff Ponte
Subject: Fw: ACS Transportation and Bus Registration

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From: Diane Boutin <dbout@atlantiscs.org>
Date: Sat, Aug 18, 2018 at 3:48 PM
Subject: ACS Transportation and Bus Registration
To: <cherrylynsimmons@gmail.com>

Atlantis Parents and Guardians,

You should be receiving in the mail the attached Transportation and Bus Registration forms for your children. These were mailed out on Friday 8/17/18.

Please take a minute to review the documents. If you have any questions or concerns about our process, please don't hesitate to call the school at 672-1821 (K-5) and 646-6410 (7-12).

Thank you,

The Atlantis Administrative Team

[ACS Parent Transportation Letter 8.17.18.pdf](#)

[Bus Registrations K to 6 and 7 to 12.pdf](#)

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ACS

MLFarias <kalleeka46@aol.com>

Sat 8/25/2018 5:07 PM

To: City Council <City_Council@fallriverma.org>;

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This will never end because he isn't an honest man and a man of his word. It's only fair that he abides by the agreement with the neighbors and the city. We're not bad people we just want him to stop lying and messing around.

No parking anytime signs should be placed on that section and people should get tagged for parking illegal.

The busses will be okay but it has to end there no more compromising. Just busses and emergency vehicles only allowed through that entrance. If that can be taken care myself and most of the neighbors will be happy.

Mr Beaty also needs to be put in his place with all the shady things his been doing and needs to learn to abide by the agreement and no more amendments.

I hope this can be resolved Monday and everyone will come to an agreement and be happy.

Thanks
Maria

Sent from my iPhone

City Council

From: MLFarias <kalleeka46@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 25, 2018 5:07 PM
To: City Council
Subject: ACS

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