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Re: Prevailing Wage Rates; School Bus Drivers

Dear Ms. Jones:

This letter responds to your request for a clarification of the applicability of prevailing wage rates to certain school bus transportation services.

M.G.L. ch. 71, § 7A requires prevailing wage rates to be paid to "each person employed" by contractors hired to transport public school students in towns with a population of sixteen thousand or over. It is the position of the Division of Occupational Safety ("DOS") that this statute includes the transportation of students to and from school, special education transportation, school-related athletic events, field trips, and all other school-related activities.

In order to better inform awarding officials and contractors who bid on school bus contracts, in the future, DOS will include this clarifying language on all wage schedules issued.

If you have any further questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Prezioso
Deputy Director