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Belmont Public Schools  
Department of Special Education  
644 Pleasant Street  
Belmont, MA 02478

Dear Georgia,

We are pleased to report that the LABBB/EDCO transportation program is off to a very good start. This is due in large part to the extraordinary work of a team of people at LABBB and EDCO who have collaborated to make it a success, along with the cooperative effort of the experienced Transportation Coordinators within the participating districts. We have gotten positive feedback from both parents and transportation vendors about the program and look forward to a year of continued improvement.

We would specifically like to acknowledge the work of Linda Durette and Maria Giangrande. Linda has been the primary contact for parents, school representatives and vendors. She has invested a great deal of her time and energy in ensuring that the program is running well. Maria has been working closely with Linda throughout this process. They make a wonderful team. We appreciate their efforts in these first months.

At the end of October Gerry Mazor, Maria and Linda had a very productive meeting with many of the staff from your districts who manage the daily communication concerning transportation. It is these individuals along with Gerry, Maria and Linda that have made the LABBB/EDCO transportation network an enormous success. We anticipate scheduling a meeting in the next few weeks with those of you who helped develop the bid specifications. We look forward to the opportunity to get your feedback and input and to share with you the information that we have gathered about the program.

We are enclosing your bill for September with detailed back up information attached, and another copy of the Billing Agreement that was agreed to by all district representatives this summer. The Agreement outlines the way the transportation costs are allocated to each district and the payment procedure.

We look forward to continuing to work closely with you to provide high quality, cost effective special education transportation. Please feel free to contact either of us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Patric Barbieri  
Executive Director, LABBB

Dorsey Yearley  
Executive Director, EDCO

Cc: Business Managers  
Administrators of Special Education