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Increasing Access to Public Transportation for Students

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A lot of students need buses or other public transportation to get to school, after-school programs, or even part-time jobs. But in some neighborhoods, buses don't come that often or it's not really safe for students to wait for them. I wanted to learn more about this because transportation is really important for students and it can affect how much we can do outside of school.

In many places, buses don't stop close to where students live or they only come once in a while. Some kids have to walk long ways in the rain or snow just to get to a bus stop. Other students can't go to after-school clubs or sports because the buses stop running too early. This makes it hard for students to do things that help them learn new skills or just have fun after school.

Transportation is really important to give students a fair chance. If someone can't get to school or other programs they might fall behind. I read that students with better access to buses or transit go to school more and are more likely to do stuff in their community. This shows that good transportation can help students be more successful in school and in life.

There's a few ways cities could fix this problem. One is to give free or cheaper bus passes for students. Another way is to make buses run later so students can stay for after-school programs and still get home safe. They could also make bus stops safer with lights, shelters, and maybe security so students don't have to worry while waiting.

I think the best way is to do both: give students cheaper passes and have buses run later. That way, students can afford to ride the bus, and they can get home safely after activities. It would help students do better in school, go to more activities, and just have more opportunities in general.

To make this happen, cities should work with schools to give student ID bus passes. They should ask students what routes or times they need most. Also community groups could help by making bus stops safer.

In conclusion, buses and transportation are really important for students. They are not just a way to get around, they give students a chance to go to school, activities, and jobs. Cities should make sure buses are safe, cheap, and easy to use so that all students can have better opportunities. Cities should do more to make sure students can get where they need to go without having to worry about things like money or safety.

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