

Dear Members of the Education, Workforce, and Youth committee. My name is Ruth Schober-Levine. I was formerly enrolled in Roland Park Elementary Middle School (RPEMS). I use to take the 95 bus route home from school almost every day. I hope that you will expand bus routes going to and from schools or invest money in yellow buses. At RPEMS the 95 is the closest bus stop to the school. I would often have to wait 2 or 3 bus rounds to get on because the 95 is the only bus going South close to the school. The first bus was so packed that sometimes you could barley get on. If you expanded the bus routes going south and north there would't be this issue. The bus was so crowded that either: there were fights because of crowding or when there was sexual assault or harassment the victim coul not find the assailant. All of the issues stated in bill 21-0056R could be fixed by expanding the bus routes or creating a yellow bus system for middle schoolers. You could use money from Kirwan to establish a yellow bus system. You could use money from the infrastructure bill to expand the bus routes.