



Transportation Department
Michael Brassfield, Executive Director of Transportation

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VIA ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Notice of Inquiry
WT Docket No. 17-200**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

As the largest school district in Fort Bend County, Fort Bend ISD is an outstanding K-12 public education system. The District is Texas' seventh largest with approximately 74,500 students and one of the most diverse in the nation. Working and learning cohesively alongside families who speak more than 90 languages and dialects, the schools work together with students, their families and the community to address each student's unique needs. It goes without saying that accurate communication is key, and seamless, reliable methods are crucial to have. pdvWireless has been a key provider of such services for our school bus operations. Their superior network coverage has afforded us the ability to communicate with our school bus dispatchers in real time, legally and safely, while school buses are in motion. Their hands-free, easy-to-use systems accept voice commands or have single push-to-talk systems that do not require drivers having to take their eyes off the road to launch an application, text, or dial a phone number. Portable two-way radios mounted in our buses require less reaching and manipulation of buttons and screens to operate than cell phones. pdvWireless' services provide us with the ability to instantly reach our entire fleet or a single driver if we have schedule changes, traffic and weather updates, or emergencies, all while doing so in the safest manner possible.

Interference in our push-to-talk radio functions cannot be tolerated. When we learned about PDV's proposal to the FCC to change the Part 90 900 MHz rules to create a broadband allocation, we were thrilled. A dedicated network is essential in not only school bus operations, but across many sectors and trades throughout our nation. In addition to the services, we are currently receiving from pdvWireless, a private carrier broadband system would be an excellent addition to our communications platform. We ask that the Commission take this proposal seriously and consider pdvWireless as a thought leader in the wireless world, who is doing all that they can to better telecommunications as a whole. Please act quickly to enact this proposal, as networks such as this are very necessary, much needed, but extremely limited to gain access to.

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