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# The Underbuzz

Two thirds vote. Hum, same as sixty-six percent. It's a good thing our popular vote for the President of these United States didn't depend on this manipulated number or we would still be re-voting for a president. The fix is in. It's a no brainer that the top twenty percent of the drivers are satisfied with their routes and hours and that re-bidding would be mute because they will most likely retain the route they already have so why re-bid? On the other end, five percent of the low-hours special education drivers that got time added to their route since school started would not want to re-bid because they would most likely lose those hours. I'm sure there are at least ten percent of our drivers who are complacent enough that re-bidding would only be inconvenient. And that

easily adds up to thirty five percent and the injustice continue. The drivers up stream have all the water they want and the drivers at the end of the stream got lucky so their cups are satisfied and the fifty-one percent in the middle are a gallon short and seniority has no value. Further more the no vote will send another message to management that they can pretty much do what they want to all of us in the future and get away with it. I urge all drivers to reconsider the long-range effects of a no vote and then go vote, and vote yes to re-bidding. The Davis School District claims to be an "Equal Opportunity Employer" based on seniority. However; the blind bidding done this year was nowhere close to being equal. It was more on luck, location and the inability of schools to have

their needs for transportation turned in before the scheduled bidding. There also was an upgrade to Versa-Trans that also made for some last minute changes. We drivers are like subcontractors making bids against each other starting with what we think is a seniority playing field only to find out after school starts that contracts are added to without equal opportunity to all drivers. Yes, a successful yes vote may cause some expense, disruptions, and gnashing of teeth. But until we can negotiate a way of having the routes finalized before bidding, we need to do the right thing for all the drivers and re-bid.

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