

June 10, 2020

Attn: Finance, Governance and Public Safety Committee

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### **Ordinance 200421**

Kansas City Public Schools (KCPS) appreciates the opportunity to share our feedback regarding Ordinance 200421, which comes before you today. KCPS believes approval of this Ordinance would change, and positively impact, the future of public transportation in our City. Many KCPS families rely on KCATA's public transportation for work and access to various other opportunities that exist in Kansas City. We believe that adequately funding and supporting KCATA will make our city a more equitable one for all Kansas Citizens.

As you may know, KCPS has partnered with the KCATA on a number of projects and initiatives. The KCATA has worked with us on efforts to open up our students and families to the many opportunities our city has to offer. Notably, they supported our students when they gave them free bus passes. We continue to see and hear about the ways this has made access to our City easier for our high school students.

In the wake of the last several months, we have seen the deep divides that still exist in our City and around the world. Now, perhaps more than ever, programs and organizations that are working to bridge the divide that exists between different communities deserve our support. We hope you will vote yes on this ordinance.