



**To:** Parents and Guardians of Students in the Tulare Joint Union High School District

**Subject:** A Message from the California Highway Patrol

**School Year:** 2022-23

The purpose of this notice is to ensure that parents are aware of a statutory exception to the definition of school bus in the California Vehicle Code (CVC) Section 545 (K). This exception was added to authorize limousine-type vehicles to transport school pupils to and from school related activities, without the requirements to enter into contractual agreement with schools or school districts.

A pupil activity bus (PAB) is a motor vehicle that is designed, used or maintained to transport more than ten passengers, including the driver, but not more than 25 persons including the driver, while being used for the transportation of pupils to or from school-related activities.

It has come to our attention that unknown carriers are operating limousine type vehicles and party busses that are not registered with the PUC (Public Utilities Commission) and therefore would not be authorized to operate as PAB's. By operating illegally, they are able to offer potential customers much lower rates than the legitimate carriers.

If you have any questions or need further information please contact a CHP Motor Carrier Specialist at one of the following offices: Fresno (559) 445-6992, Modesto (209) 545-7440, or Bakersfield (661) 395-2921.