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Dear Parent/Guardian-

Metro Access is a door-to-door, shared-ride, public paratransit service for people with disabilities who are unable to use regular, accessible Metrobus and Metrorail public transportation due to a disability. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) outlines specific criteria to determine eligibility for paratransit service and, based on these criteria, Metro requires an application and in-person assessment.

Why is it important for your child to apply for Metro Access?

Many of the community-based instruction (CBI) trips completed by DCC students utilize the public transit system. We also know that transportation is one of the greatest barriers to paid employment for individuals with disabilities. Learning to access and navigate the community is an important life skills for a majority of our students and Metro Access helps support this learning and will continue to support you, your student, and your family well into the future after transitioning from Fairfax County Public Schools.

How do I get Metro Access?*

If you have not already done so, *please apply for Metro Access as soon as possible*; the school is not able to do this for you. An application is attached to this letter; please fill out **page 3** and take the remaining pages to a health-care provider who can speak to your son/daughter's disability. **The medical provider will need to complete pages 5-8.** After the application is completed you will need to contact Metro at 202-962-2700 in order to set up an in-person appointment. **Please note that none of this paperwork is returned to school and the application process must be facilitated by the student and/or family. While completing this process does require a visit to a medical professional and to the Metro offices, I strongly encourage you to complete this process and am happy to help you if needed.**

Thank you for your attention to this matter and please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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* The Metro website (www.wmata.com) is available in English, Chinese, French, Korean, Spanish, and Vietnamese. Click in the top, right corner for the language options.