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## For Immediate Release

Three families have retained RATHOD | MOHAMEDBHAI LLC to represent them in connection with extreme physical and mental abuse their children endured at the hands of a Littleton Public School ("LPS") bus aide over the past several months. Each family seeks justice for their child who is Autistic, non-verbal, and reliant on caretakers for their basic needs.

Each school day, these students board a special needs bus provided by the Littleton Public School System to transport them from their home to one of Colorado's most highly regarded schools for Autistic students—The Joshua School. Each trip on that bus subjected these innocent children to unfathomable abuse by an LPS bus aid. Due to their non-verbal status, none of the victims were able to tell anyone that they were being abused.

Beginning in approximately September 2023, each family saw significant shifts in their child's behavior and noticed physical injuries on their child, including unexplained scratches, bruises, a lost tooth, a broken toe, a black eye, and other deep bruises on their bodies and feet. The parents independently communicated their concerns to the Joshua School. As early as January 2024, the Joshua School raised its strong belief that abuse was occurring on the bus with LPS, warranting LPS to review available video. LPS failed to give credible suspicion of abuse the attention it required. LPS looked at a single bus ride and determined there was nothing to be concerned about and provided no further monitoring, allowing months of uninterrupted abuse to continue.

Video taken from inside the bus on March 18, 2024, reveals the LPS bus aide's indescribable malice. Video reveals her repeatedly hitting, punching, and stomping on a fragile 10-year-old boy. These unprovoked assaults on a defenseless, severely disabled child are sickening. The limited information currently available indicates that abuse on the LPS bus began well before March 18, 2024.

The circumstances surrounding these abuses provide a somber reminder of a story that has been told too many times. This is the third **known** district in seven years that has failed children with disabilities on their school buses. Three Colorado school districts is three too many.

Each family is experiencing an immeasurable amount of pain, heartbreak, anger, and utter disillusionment as they seek justice for their children. They call upon the Colorado legislature to step up where Colorado school districts have failed and put forth legislation that ensures the safety

and protection of students with disabilities when they are being transported to and from school. Colorado can no longer tolerate abuse to the most valuable members of our society.

More information, including the arrest affidavit of the bus aide, can be found here: https://rmlawyers.com/littleton-public-schools-special-education-student-abuse-cases/

Please direct any questions for the families to their attorneys:

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