



RRTA drivers are “caring angels”

This letter is to say thank you to every RRTA driver for the safe and caring way they take care of all their passengers.

The bologny they have to tolerate from the public is a sin. Parents don't keep their kids quiet and in control.

I recently boarded the bus to go to Lancaster. The driver opened the door for me, all I heard was a screaming child. How long the driver had to listen to that is not known to me. The dear man didn't complain. I almost didn't get on -- but for some reason I did.

How these drivers keep sane is a miracle. They all deserve a pat on the back and a hug for doing an excellent job.

I've been riding the bus regularly over a year, and I have never had an unkind driver. What they tolerate from the public makes them angels from above. Our lives are in their hands and they should never have any distractions.

Rose Warner, Columbia

“Poorer” Pa. Schools need funds

Call your local representatives, and tell them to fund education, especially in low-income areas that need it most. Taking away what my kids can celebrate at school takes away the only positive things left in their lives.

Here's why:

Kids in the "poorer" school districts don't have a strong tax base and need government help. Children in wealthier schools have parents who give their kids an allowance, buy them instruments to play in the band and orchestra, enroll them in gymnastics or to participate in cheerleading, buy a membership to a local gym to prepare them for sports or pay annually to be in a sports program that isn't even part of the school's program.

Parents in poorer schools don't have that opportunity. Schools provide the programs and opportunities. The school's programs are all these kids have.

Even while state government is showing no support, cutting the budgets and programs, the teachers are still doing their very best and more, and are making a difference.

How long would you be willing to put forth your very best effort when all attempts are being made to undermine what you believe in and work for? Make the call!

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