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Justice for Hector Rivas

## **Boston City Council Hearing on School Bus Safety**



**When: Tuesday, December 12, 2006**  
**Where: Boston City Council Chamber**  
**5th Floor, City Hall**  
**Time: 6:00 PM**

- **On March 9, 2006, Hector Rivas, a mechanic for First Student, the Boston school bus contractor, and member of United Auto Workers (UAW 1596) was found dead in service truck as a result of 11 times the “permissible level” of Carbon Monoxide**
- **Despite two years of complaints by the mechanics, First Student refused to spend the paltry \$70 dollars to ventilate the service trucks**
- **On April 18, 2006, another First Student mechanic Miguel Camacho was injured when an illegally modified airlift stuck him**
- **Boston City Council unanimously passed a Team Unity sponsored resolution concerning the Rivas and Camacho cases specifically and school bus safety generally including a comprehensive review of the bus fleet and called for a public hearing on school bus safety**

**Committee for Justice for Hector Rivas** - Defending Health and Safety for Students, Workers and the Community - a coalition led by the Rivas and Camacho families includes the UAW, Painters D. 35, the Boston school bus drivers United Steelworkers 8751, “Team Unity”, the city’s Councilors of Color, Chuck Turner, Felix Arroyo, Charles Yancey and Sam Yoon, Bishop Filipe Teixeira, Rosa Parks Human Rights Day Committee, Voices of Liberation, Women’s Fightback Network, International Action Center, Mass Coalition on Occupational Safety and Health, student and community activists.

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