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## TARTA Welcomes University of Toledo and Local High School Students Back to School by Meeting Their Mobility Needs *Rocket Lift and Additional Bus Service Resumes Aug. 17*

**(TOLEDO, August 14, 2020)** - Although it will be an unusual school year for University of Toledo and local high school students due to COVID-19, one thing is remaining the same. The Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority (TARTA) will provide students with bus service beginning Aug. 17.

TARTA operates the Rocket Lift service with the Blue and Gold routes on the University's main campus. Service runs Monday through Friday on school days only. Real-time bus tracking for Rocket Lift is available through the mobile PassioGO app and can be downloaded for free at the App Store and Google Play.

For charter and parochial high schools located within the Toledo Public School District, students may use TARTA's fixed-route bus lines or Call-A-Ride service depending upon the school's location. A complete list of routes and time schedules serving area schools are available at <http://tarta.com/services/school-services/>. Students and parents are also encouraged to register for TARTA's text alerts to receive the latest updates about detours and service updates at <http://tarta.com/sign-up-for-alerts/>.

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There are currently no fares for riding TARTA's services as part of the Authority's safety protocols to reduce the spread of COVID-19. TARTA has also installed plastic barriers around drivers; instituted a 10-passenger limit per bus for social distancing inside the vehicles; and requires all riders to wear a facial covering. Complimentary facial coverings are provided by TARTA drivers to riders if needed.

**About TARTA**

The Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority (TARTA) provides a vital link in the Toledo metro area to jobs, education, health care and other destinations. It enables everyone in our community to have access to transportation regardless of their age, race, physical ability or economic background. TARTA is underway with exploring and introducing new initiatives and service options that will enhance convenience and customer experience while moving Toledo into the future of public transit.