

Action Item - 24

Title: Contract with Genuine Parts Company for Yellow Bus and Non-Bus Fleet Auto Parts Store (\$11,945,556)

Board of Education Meeting Date: 6/26/2025

Action Under Consideration:

The Administration recommends that the Board of Education authorize The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee, to execute and perform a contract, subject to funding, as follows:

With:

Genuine Parts Company

Purpose:

Operate and manage an on-site automotive parts, equipment, and supply store at the Broad Street Garage

Start Date: 7/1/2025

End Date: 6/30/2030

Compensation not to exceed:

\$11,945,556

Location:

Broad Street Garage, Passyunk Garage, Shallcross Garage

Renewal Option:

N/A

Description:

The Department of Transportation Services (Transportation) requests authorization to enter into a contract with Genuine Parts Company (GPC) to supply critical parts and materials necessary for the maintenance and repair of the District's yellow bus and non-bus fleet. GPC offers an extensive inventory of automotive components, including tires, oil filters, brakes, engine oil, and windshield wipers, essential to sustaining daily garage operations. The primary parts store is located at the Broad Street Garage and serves as a distribution hub, providing parts to all District-operated garages and contracted vendors. GPC will be using dedicated space in the Broad Street Garage and will enter into a licensing arrangement with the District for use of the space.

Why is this contract needed?

This contract is necessary to ensure uninterrupted access to high-quality parts and supplies required to maintain the safety, reliability, and performance of the District's transportation fleet. With 286 buses and over 424 non-bus vehicles in operation, the ability to efficiently source replacement parts is vital for reducing repair delays, minimizing vehicle downtime, and maintaining compliance with safety standards. GPC's extensive inventory and consistent delivery services support the District's ability to meet operational demands and keep students safely and reliably transported.

How will the success of this contract be measured?

Success will be measured by the availability and timely delivery of parts, reduced vehicle repair turnaround time, and sustained or improved fleet readiness. Key performance indicators will include fulfillment rates for parts orders, garage feedback on product quality and vendor service, and reductions in vehicle downtime due to parts shortages. The contract's effectiveness will also be evaluated by monitoring maintenance costs and the overall impact on fleet operational efficiency.

Which Goal and/or Guardrail does this Action Item support?

Has this investment been discussed during a progress monitoring session?

Which session?

This contract directly supports the Board of Education's Guardrail 1. Welcoming and Supportive Schools.

Does this Action Item support a specific strategy/intervention identified in the Strategic Plan?

Yes, this Action Item supports the School District's Strategic Plan by enhancing operational effectiveness and promoting student well-being through reliable transportation services. By ensuring that the District's garages have timely access to critical parts and supplies, this contract helps maintain the fleet in safe working condition, reducing service disruptions and supporting consistent transportation.

Related resolution(s)/action item(s)

N/A

Funding Source(s)

FY26 - Operating Fund

FY27 - Operating Fund

FY28 - Operating Fund

FY29 - Operating Fund

FY30 - Operating Fund

Office Originating Request:

Operations - Transportation Services