

Action Item - 32

Title: Amendment of Contracts with Various Vendors for Yellow Bus Transportation for Students (\$84,284,164)

Board of Education Meeting Date: 5/29/2025

Action Under Consideration

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

With:

Class 1 Bus Company (WBE)
Sague Bus Company (WBE)
Yellowbird Bus Co., Inc. (WBE)
Battles' Transportation (MBE)
Durham School Services, L.P.
First Student, Inc.
MAT Bus Corp
PA Transportation Service
WinWright (MBE)
Philly Transportation, LLC (WBE to be verified)

Purpose:

To provide school bus transportation service and bus attendant access for all eligible students

Originally Authorized Start date: 7/1/2021

Originally Authorized End date: 6/30/2025

Amended Authorized End Date: 6/30/2026

Currently Authorized Compensation: \$361,933,799

Additional Compensation by Contractor:

All vendors will be paid from an additional aggregate amount not to exceed \$84,284,164 for the period of 7/1/2025 through 6/30/2026.

Total new Compensation: \$446,217,963

Location:

All Schools

Renewal Option(s):

N/A

Description:**Why is this contract needed?**

The Department of Transportation Services is requesting a contract extension and funding increase for existing contracts with various vendors providing Yellow Bus Transportation for Students. These contracts support the provision of transportation services and bus attendants for eligible students. By partnering with bus vendors, the District supplements its internal capacity for transportation of students that District-operated garages cannot currently accommodate. These vendor partnerships are essential to achieving the Department's mission of delivering safe, reliable, and efficient transportation for all eligible students.

This contract extension is necessary to permit uninterrupted transportation services for eligible students while the District completes its procurement process for a new Yellow Bus Transportation contract. The extension will allow sufficient time to review proposals, finalize vendor selections, and implement new contracts without disrupting student transportation services.

How is this work connected to the District's plan to achieve Goals & Guardrails?

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

If this is the continuation of a contract, how has success been measured in the past, and what specific information do we have to show that it was successful?

The success of the Yellow Bus Transportation contracts has been measured through key performance indicators such as on-time performance, service reliability, safety compliance, cost efficiency, and operational responsiveness. On-time performance averages 75%, indicating room for improvement but reflecting a consistent effort to meet scheduling demands. Vendors have provided reliable transportation for students not served by District-operated garages, and generally maintained compliance with safety and operational standards.

Related resolution(s)/action item(s)

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Funding Source(s)

FY26 Operating

Office Originating Request:

Operations - Transportation Services