

**Action Item - 25**

**Title:** Contract with Various Vendors for Yellow Bus Repair Services (\$8,367,254)

**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:**

Banghart Distributors, Inc.  
Bus Patrol America LLC  
Delaware Valley Truck Service, Inc.  
First Student, Inc  
Fleet Clinic, Inc  
Pacifico Ford, Inc.  
Philly Transportation, LLC  
Preferred Automotive Specialists Inc  
Victory Truck Body Inc.  
Wolfington Body Company, Inc

**Purpose:**

Repairs, diagnostics, camera installation and maintenance, bodywork, and other maintenance services for the District's yellow bus fleet

**Start Date:** 7/1/2025

**End Date:** 6/30/2029

**Compensation not to exceed:**

\$8,367,254

**Separate Compensation by Contractor:**

All entities will be paid from an aggregate amount not to exceed (\$8,367,254)

**Location:**

Broad Street Garage, Passyunk Garage, Shallcross Garage

**Renewal Option:**

Number of options: 1; Duration of each option: 1 Year

**Maximum Compensation authorized per option period:**

All vendors will be paid out of an aggregate amount not to exceed \$2,294,727 per option period

**Description:**

The Department of Transportation Services seeks Board authorization to contract with multiple vendors to provide comprehensive repair, diagnostics, bodywork, and maintenance services, as well as camera installation, for the District's yellow bus fleet.

**Why is this contract needed?**

This contract is critical to maintaining the safety, reliability, and performance of the District's bus fleet. With 286 active buses, timely repairs and preventative maintenance are essential to minimize service disruptions, comply with state inspection requirements, and uphold student safety. Contracting with multiple qualified vendors allows the District to respond quickly to mechanical issues, reduce vehicle downtime, and maintain service continuity across all routes. These services support the overarching goal of providing consistent, on-time transportation for students.

**How will the success of this contract be measured?**

Success will be measured by the timely completion of repairs, improved fleet availability, reduced vehicle downtime, and abiding by scheduled maintenance timelines. Key performance indicators (KPIs) will include turnaround time for repairs, the percentage of buses passing state inspections on the first attempt, vendor responsiveness, and overall cost efficiency. Additionally, feedback from foremen, garage supervisors, and transportation staff will be used to evaluate vendor effectiveness and service quality.

**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 promoting safe and reliable student transportation, which is essential to improving student attendance and well-being. By completing the timely maintenance and repair of school buses, the District is proactively addressing transportation-related barriers to access and equity. Reliable transportation enables students to arrive at school safely and on time, directly supporting the Strategic Plan's goals related to student success, operational effectiveness, and equitable access to learning opportunities.

**Related resolution(s)/action item(s)**

N/A

**Funding Source(s)**

FY26 Operating

FY27 Operating

FY28 Operating

FY29 Operating

**Office Originating Request:**

Operations - Transportation Services