

Action Item - 20

Title: Contract with Mansfield Oil Company of Gainesville, Inc. for Ultra-Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel (\$1,500,000)

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:

Mansfield Oil Company of Gainesville, Inc.

Purpose:

Ultra-low-sulfur diesel fuel for School District buses and trucks

Start Date: 7/1/2025

End Date: 6/30/2026

Compensation not to exceed:

\$1,500,000

Location:

Broad Street Garage, Passyunk Garage, Shallcross Garage

Renewal Option:

N/A

Description:

The Department of Transportation Services (Transportation) seeks authorization to utilize the City of Philadelphia's competitively bid contract with Mansfield Oil Company for ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel. This authorization, requested and approved by the Board of Education each year, allows Transportation to take advantage of cooperative purchasing, which brings lower rates by aggregating the need and economies of scale.

Why is this contract needed?

The availability of fuel at District garages is an essential requirement for operating school buses. Consistent with prior authorizations, Transportation is requesting \$1,500,000 for diesel fuel for FY26.

How will the success of this contract be measured?

The success of this contract will be measured by Transportation's ability to consistently maintain an uninterrupted fuel supply at all District-operated garages, facilitate timely refueling of school buses, and manage fuel expenses within the approved budget parameters. Additional indicators of success include securing competitive fuel pricing relative to prevailing market rates, reliable vendor performance demonstrated through consistent, on-time fuel deliveries, and positive feedback on internal service quality from garage and fleet operations staff.

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 a specific strategy identified in the School District's Strategic Plan. It aligns with the strategic priority to "Deliver Efficient, High-Quality Operations" by providing for the consistent and cost-effective fueling of school buses, which is essential for daily transportation services. By leveraging cooperative purchasing to secure competitive fuel prices, the District is optimizing operational resources, reducing expenditures, and maintaining reliable service for students—all key components of high-quality operational delivery.

Related resolution(s)/action item(s)

N/A

Funding Source(s)

FY26 Operating

Office Originating Request:

Operations - Transportation Services