

Action Item - 30

Title: Amendment of Contracts with Various Schools for Own Bus Transportation for Students (\$5,727,634)

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:

Aspira Inc. of Pennsylvania
Easter Seals of Pennsylvania
The Pennsylvania Conference Association of Seventh-Day Adventists, Inc.
Pennsylvania School for the Deaf
Philadelphia Academy C.S.
Stratford Friends School

Purpose:

To provide school vehicle transportation and bus attendants supplied by schools that transport their own students

Originally Authorized Start date: 7/1/2018

Originally Authorized End date: 6/30/2025

Amended Authorized End Date: 6/30/2026

Currently Authorized Compensation: \$42,910,310

Additional Compensation by Contractor:

The six entities will be paid out of the additional aggregate amount not to exceed \$5,727,634 for the period of 7/1/2025 through 6/30/2026.

Total new Compensation: \$48,637,944

Location:

Various Schools

Renewal Option(s):

N/A

Description:

Why is this contract needed?

The Department of Transportation Services is requesting an extension and funding increase for its contracts with “Own Bus” vendors—charter, nonpublic, and approved private schools that provide transportation for their eligible students using their own vehicles. These contracts enable schools to manage transportation directly for their students, with oversight and support from the District.

This contract extension is necessary to permit uninterrupted transportation services for eligible students while the District completes its procurement process for a new Own Bus Transportation contract. The extension will allow sufficient time to review proposals, finalize vendor selections, and implement new contracts without disrupting student transportation services. These schools typically charge less than traditional transportation vendors, providing cost savings to the District. The arrangement also allows for direct coordination between schools and transportation services, which supports meeting student needs more efficiently.

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 Own Bus contracts has been measured by each participating school’s ability to consistently transport all students eligible for bus transportation who attend their school. From FY24 through FY25, schools have been responsible for transporting up to 1,129 students. In prior years, these contracts were deemed successful based on the schools' ability to manage this responsibility effectively, such that eligible students were transported safely and reliably daily.

Related resolution(s)/action item(s)

May 25, 2023; No. 48

May 26, 2022; No. 19

April 21, 2021; No. 26

Funding Source(s)

FY26 Operating

Office Originating Request:

Operations - Transportation Services