35.2 UPDATE - POLICIES - FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL

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TRANSPORTATION

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It is the policy of the Board to provide transportation for those students, of any age, whose distance from their school makes this service necessary within the limitations established by State law and the regulations of the Department of Public Instruction or other appropriate agency.

School registration is required two weeks prior to school starting to ensure bus transportation on the first day of school. School registration after the two-week deadline may result in the student not having bus transportation until the fourth day of school.

When families enroll during the school year or there is an address change, it may take up to four business days to establish that student's bus route.

School buses and student-transportation vehicles shall be purchased, housed, and maintained by the District for the transportation of resident students between their home areas and the schools of the District to which they are assigned In accordance with State law, the District shall not transport students by alternative transportation methods of vehicles carrying more than nine (9) passengers and the operator. This prohibition does not apply to school buses operated in compliance with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation’s regulations.

All school buses and student-transportation vehicles, whether purchased, leased, or contracted for shall comply with specifications defined in State law. Each operator of a school vehicle used by the District shall be licensed for the purpose for which the vehicle is being used and shall operate the vehicle in accordance with Federal and State laws.

Transportation for private school students, eligible for transportation under State law, shall be provided on the same basis as for District students.

Transportation of eligible students with exceptional educational needs or attending a technical education program shall be arranged through the use of District-owned vehicles, through cooperation with other districts, through commercial carriers, and/or by other means in the most efficient and economical manner.

Transportation privileges may be revoked if the student's conduct is in violation of the District Administrator's administrative guidelines or the Code of Conduct pertaining to student transportation. Such revocation shall be in accordance with statutorily required procedures.

Nonroutine Use of School Buses

The Board will permit the school buses owned or leased by this District to be used for purposes other than regularly-scheduled routes to and from school in accordance with law and rules of the State, provided such trips do not interfere with routine school transportation services.

The nonroutine use of buses shall be defined for purposes of this policy as those uses which are specified in State law.

Vehicles must be operated by an employee of this District. The cost of transportation shall be reimbursed to the Board based on the actual cost to the district of the school bus usage.

Surveillance on School Buses

The Board authorizes the District Administrator to install and operate video and audio surveillance on District buses to enhance student safety and well-being.

The District shall provide notification to students and parents regarding this policy permitting video and audio surveillance on District buses, and shall clearly post notice of such surveillance on the interior of the bus. Recordings pursuant to this policy shall remain confidential except for use by school officials or law enforcement for investigations, school discipline, or criminal prosecutions.

Any agreement with a transportation contractor for the provision of transportation services for the District shall have language regarding the use of video surveillance on all school buses.

The District’s process for signing up for transportation services shall include notice of policies regarding student behavior and conduct expectations.

The Board shall maintain video surveillance/electronic monitoring recordings for a limited period. Any request to view a recording under this policy should be made promptly after the event/incident in order to assure its availability. Delayed inquiries may not be available depending on current retention capabilities. If action is taken by the Board/Administration, as a result of a formal complaint or incident, recordings, if available, shall be kept consistent with the Board's record retention policy.

District-Owned Vehicles Used for Transporting Students

All drivers of motor vehicles owned by the District and used for transportation of students shall be under a written contract with the Board as required by 121.52, Wis. Stats.

All operators of motor vehicles owned by the District and used for transportation of students shall be subject to the provisions of 121.555, Wis. Stats., and may be subject to the District's employee drug testing policy in accordance with Policy 8601 - Controlled Substance and Alcohol Policy for Employees that Transport Students.

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