



Board Agenda Item Request

AGENDA ITEM: Action Item - North Idaho Stem Charter MOU

PURPOSE: Requires Board approval

MEETING DATE: February 5, 2025

PREPARED BY: Lisa Arnold

SUMMARY

It wasn't until we had a bus get stuck on its way to pick up North Idaho Stem Charter students that a verbal agreement was in place. We reached out to Scott Thomson to get information related to this agreement and let him know that the board would need to approve an MOU for this relationship to continue. He provided the following information:

Hi Jessica and Lisa,

I know you've got a crazy day (Month/year) but I thought I'd throw this draft your way and see what you thought. We actually have a trip coming up in February and would like to get this done ASAP so we can know what to expect going forward. Change this anyway you want. We certainly don't want this to be anything but beneficial to Lakeland.

When we first discussed this with Maryann Rannels 13 years ago, she just referred us to Darrell Rickard and we have always just paid whatever was invoiced to us. I had no idea, nor was it ever our intent to not pay whatever would make you whole.

Please let me know what you think, I would like this to be a "Win-Win" for us both.

Again, I know you're busy so I thought I'd lay some groundwork for our agreement.

I look forward to hearing from you.

The draft MOU is [here](#).

Superintendent Recommendation

The superintendent and CFO recommend the approval of this MOU for the remainder of the year. The district will need to assess its ability to continue to provide this service this spring.

Memorandum of Understanding

LAKELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT and STEM CHARTER ACADEMY

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets forth the terms and understanding between **LAKELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT** and **STEM CHARTER ACADEMY**

Background: STEM Charter Academy has been renting buses from Lakeland for 13 years. We first approached MaryAnn Rannells in 2012 and she referred us to Darrell Rickard who ran the Bus Barn at the time. Through Darrell, and subsequently Jessica Dehnert, we have booked trips and paid whatever we were invoiced for that trip. This has always been a mutually beneficial relationship that provides more hours to Lakeland's bus drivers throughout the year and, to our knowledge, has never conflicted with any of Lakeland's operations or resulted in any Lakeland students not being serviced.

Purpose

This MOU will allow students of STEM Charter Academy to be bussed to and from events by Lakeland School District buses as needed. Lakeland students and Lakeland school schedules will always take priority over STEM Charter bussing needs. The intent of this MOU is for STEM Charter academy to pay Lakeland Jt. School District for the use of their buses and drivers. STEM Charter Academy agrees to pay whatever price per mile and/or flat fee that Lakeland deems a fair reimbursement to make sure that ALL of Lakeland's expenses are covered. It is our hope that this will be a mutually beneficial arrangement that will actually provide extra hours for some of their drivers throughout the school year at no cost to Lakeland.

The above goals will be accomplished by undertaking the following activities:

Should a need arise, the administrator, or their designee, from STEM Charter Academy will contact an administrator, or their designee, from Lakeland Jt. School District and arrange transportation for the students. Lakeland School District will present STEM Charter Academy with an invoice for service rendered at their per mile cost.

Duration

This Memorandum of Understanding shall remain in effect for a period of one (1) year; from September 1 to August 30. This Memorandum shall be amended for consideration and renewed annually unless terminated in accordance with this section. This Memorandum may be terminated in writing by mutual consent of the STEM CHARTER ACADEMY and LAKELAND JT. SCHOOL DISTRICT. In addition, this Memorandum may be terminated at any time by either party upon written notice no later than March 15 of the intent to terminate to the other party.

This MOU is at-will and may be modified by mutual consent of authorized officials from **LAKELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT** and **STEM CHARTER ACADEMY** and will remain in effect until modified by mutual consent or terminated by any one of the partners.

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