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Browning Public School Board
District 9
P.O. Box 610
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Request for Memorandum of Understanding on Student Transportation Partnership

Dear Members of the Browning School Board,

I am writing on behalf of **De La Salle Blackfeet School** to formally request the development of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between our school and Browning Public Schools (District 9) regarding student transportation.

As you know, our school serves 4th through 8th-grade students in Browning and the surrounding community, many of whom also have family connections and support within District 9. For the 2025–2026 school year, we are seeking to establish a partnership that would allow a small number of our students—estimated between **10 and 20 students**—to ride existing District 9 bus routes.

We believe this arrangement would:

- Provide our families with a safe and reliable option for student transportation.
- Support student attendance and punctuality, which is vital to their academic growth.
- Strengthen collaboration between De La Salle Blackfeet School and Browning Public Schools in serving the children of our community.

Currently, transportation barriers contribute to tardiness at our school. For example, in the 2024-2025 School Year, we recorded **approximately 58% of students experiencing chronic tardiness** linked to lack of transportation. We anticipate that partnering with District 9 would significantly reduce this number and improve overall timeliness for our students, supporting both their learning and classroom environment.

We will also provide the Board with additional details on specific routes, pickup and drop-off points, and projected student numbers to assist in planning and decision-making. Additionally, we are committed to working together to ensure that all safety and compliance requirements are met.

Please remember De La Salle Blackfeet School in your will
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We deeply value the long-standing relationship between our institutions and believe this agreement will further our shared mission of supporting the educational success and well-being of Blackfeet youth.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. I would be glad to meet with the Board or transportation staff at your convenience to discuss details and next steps.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Colleen A. Dunne", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Colleen A. Dunne
President
De La Salle Blackfeet School