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To: Dr. Dave Palzet, Superintendent
From: Griffin L. Sonntag, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations
Date: June 8, 2026
RE: Transportation Renewal for FY27

First Student was awarded the bid for five-year transportation contract in August of 2025. The increase of each subsequent year of our contract is specifically spelled out in the contract and is capped at the PTELL Consumer Price Index (CPI)—the same index we use annually in our own financial planning. For the 2026-2027 school year, this represents an increase of 2.7%.

We continue to have strong working relationships with their drivers, dispatch team, and management. Our First Student location had a branch manager change this year and we are continuing to see improvement to our on-time arrivals of our buses and communication from First Student. Finally, introducing the FirstView app for parents has provided parents real-time monitoring of their child's bus.

Recommendation:
For informational purposes only. No approval is needed as we are in year two of a five-year contract.