

DIXON PUBLIC SCHOOLS #170

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Date: June 20, 2025
To: Board of Education Members
From: Margo Empen, Superintendent & Marc Campbell, Chief School Business Official
RE: Transportation Contract Extension

In accordance with Board of Education Policy 2:20 Powers and Duty of the Board of Education; Indemnification, and 4:60 Purchases and Contracts; the Board has the responsibility of entering into contracts in accordance with applicable federal and State law, including using the public bidding procedure when required.

As the administration has previously notified the Board, Illinois Central School Bus Company has offered to enter into a 6-year extension of our third-party transportation agreement. The agreement is attached but the highlights of the agreement include;

- 4% yearly increases, which is a reduction of the previous agreement.
- Resetting routes include a reduction in routes from 37 to 34 routes which eliminates the route reduction fees.
- Reduction in regular education bus monitors.
- Roughly \$700,000 savings in yearly fees.

As a general comment, Illinois Central has provided substantial savings to maintain the contract. This comes at a reduction in services and changes to day-to-day operations; a smaller number of routes, fewer bus monitors, potentially routing changes could increase busing times, along with less flexibility to add routes. Additionally, the District will still operate on a shoe-string budget. Reductions in MCAT payments from the state will impact our ability to operate in the black.

It is the recommendation of District administration to approve the 6-year contract extension with Illinois Central School Bus.

Dixon Public Schools, in cooperation with the community, will provide students with a comprehensive educational program that produces well-educated, self-sufficient, and involved citizens.

Contract Amendment

This Amendment is entered into on this _____ day of _____, 2025, by and between Dixon Public Schools No. 170 ("District"), located at 1335 Franklin Grove Rd, Dixon, IL 61021, and Illinois Central School Bus, LLC ("Contractor"), located at 3033 W. Jefferson Street, Suite 220, Joliet, IL 60435.

WHEREAS:

- The parties entered into a transportation services agreement for the provision of student transportation services;
- The agreement was previously extended for a term covering July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2026;
- The parties desire to amend certain terms and service levels to reflect revised operational assumptions and cost-efficiency goals;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree to the following amendments:

1. Revised Service Assumptions

Effective July 1, 2025, the following adjustments to service levels shall apply:

- Regular Education: Based on April 2025 invoice volumes. (18-routes)
- WACC routes: Reduction of one (1). 3-routes to 2-routes)
- In-District Special Education: Reduction of two (2) routes and two (2) aides. (7-routes to 5-routes)
- Out-of-District Special Education: Reduction of one (1) route and one (1) aide.(12-routes to 11-routes)
- Midday Routes: Reduction of one (1) route.
- Monitors: Reduction of eight (8) regular education monitors.
- Previously Eliminated Routes: Removal of any related billing (6 routes).
- Fleet: The current vehicle fleet shall remain in place through the contract term.
- Net route change 2024-25 to 2025-26 school years: 37-routes to 34-routes.
- Routes destinations may be altered at no rate change within the allowable routes. For avoidance of doubt, where rates are uniform across route types (e.g., in-district and out-of-district special education), destination changes between such routes shall not require rate adjustments. If a route shifts from one service category to another (e.g., from Regular Education to Special Education), the rate assigned to the new category shall apply automatically

2. Rate Adjustment Structure

- For the 2025-26 school year, the rates shall increase by 4.0% instead of the previously agreed 6.2% increase .
- For each of the following school years (2026-27 through 2030-31), rates shall increase by 4.0% annually.

3. Opt-Out Mechanism

To address material cost changes:

- If any operational cost component (e.g., wages, insurance, regulatory fees, vehicle costs) increases by a percentage greater than the contract revenue increase, the Contractor shall notify the District by July 1st of that school year.
- If the parties cannot reach a mutually agreeable rate adjustment, Contractor may issue written notice by February 1st of intent to opt out for the following school year.
- In compliance with Illinois law regarding long term student transportation contracts either party may opt out of the contract at the end of the 2025-2026 School Year (5th year of agreement) by issuing a written notice by February 1st, 2026, of intent to opt out for the following school year.

4. Volume Decrease Provision

If the actual service volume decreases below the levels specified in this amendment, the Contractor may apply a surcharge of 55.0% of the standard rate for each unit of reduction, route and or aide.

5. All Other Terms Unchanged

Except as expressly modified herein, all other terms and conditions of the original agreement and previous amendments shall remain in full force and effect.

6. Enrollment Volume Decrease Provision

In the event of a 300-student or greater enrollment decline from 2024–25 levels, the parties shall meet in good faith to renegotiate the scope of service and related pricing. If agreement cannot be reached by February 1 of the applicable school year, either party may exercise the right to opt out of the contract for the following school year.”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Amendment on the date first written above:

Dixon Public Schools No. 170

By: _____
Print Name: Marc Campbell
Title: Business Manager

Illinois Central School Bus, LLC

By: _____
Print Name: Dan O'Brien
Title: Director of Contracts and Revenue Management

DIXON SCHOOL DISTRICT 170 - CONTRACT RATES

	9.50%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%
Regular Education	2024-25 Daily Rate	2025-26 Daily Rate	2026-27 Daily Rate	2027-28 Daily Rate	2028-29 Daily Rate	2029-30 Daily Rate	2030-31 Daily Rate
71 passenger bus, daily rate	\$ 308.26	\$ 320.59	\$ 333.42	\$ 346.76	\$ 360.63	\$ 375.05	\$ 390.05
Whiteside Career Center Sterling, IL	\$ 62.16	\$ 64.65	\$ 67.24	\$ 69.93	\$ 72.72	\$ 75.63	\$ 78.66
Drivers' hourly rate for all time in excess of maximum set forth on attached time and mileage sheet. Examples would be the Washington School's Afterschool Programs. (excess time less than 1 hour to be pro-rated)	\$ 47.94	\$ 49.86	\$ 51.85	\$ 53.92	\$ 56.08	\$ 58.33	\$ 60.66
Special Education	2024-25 Daily Rate	2025-26 Daily Rate	2025-26 Daily Rate	2025-26 Daily Rate	2025-26 Daily Rate	2025-26 Daily Rate	2025-26 Daily Rate
Local Routes - 16 passenger bus, daily rate	\$ 317.59	\$ 330.30	\$ 343.51	\$ 357.25	\$ 371.54	\$ 386.40	\$ 401.86
Mid Day, (16 pass) daily rate	\$ 62.16	\$ 64.65	\$ 67.24	\$ 69.93	\$ 72.72	\$ 75.63	\$ 78.66
CDH Developmental Center: 501 S. Lincoln Avenue, Dixon, IL	\$ 317.59	\$ 330.30	\$ 343.51	\$ 357.25	\$ 371.54	\$ 386.40	\$ 401.86
Thorne/Center for Change: 500 E 5 th Street, Rock Falls, IL	\$ 317.59	\$ 330.30	\$ 343.51	\$ 357.25	\$ 371.54	\$ 386.40	\$ 401.86
Dixon Additional SpEd Route Based on Student Need	\$ 317.59	\$ 330.30	\$ 343.51	\$ 357.25	\$ 371.54	\$ 386.40	\$ 401.86
Easterseals Academy 8301 Mitchell Rd, Machesney Park, IL	\$ 317.59	\$ 330.30	\$ 343.51	\$ 357.25	\$ 371.54	\$ 386.40	\$ 401.86
Dixon Additional SpEd Route Based on Student Need	\$ 317.59	\$ 330.30	\$ 343.51	\$ 357.25	\$ 371.54	\$ 386.40	\$ 401.86
Dolan Education Center 10104 Farm School Rd, Durand, IL	\$ 317.59	\$ 330.30	\$ 343.51	\$ 357.25	\$ 371.54	\$ 386.40	\$ 401.86
Camelot Therapeutic Day School of the Quad Cities 3601 69th Ave Moline, IL	\$ 317.59	\$ 330.30	\$ 343.51	\$ 357.25	\$ 371.54	\$ 386.40	\$ 401.86
East High School 2929 Charles Street, Rockford, IL	\$ 317.59	\$ 330.30	\$ 343.51	\$ 357.25	\$ 371.54	\$ 386.40	\$ 401.86
Camelot School 7133 Garden Prairie Rd, Garden Prairie, IL	\$ 317.59	\$ 330.30	\$ 343.51	\$ 357.25	\$ 371.54	\$ 386.40	\$ 401.86
Drivers hourly rate for all time in excess of maximum set forth on attached time and mileage sheet (excess time less than 1 hour to be pro-rated)	\$ 47.94	\$ 49.86	\$ 51.85	\$ 53.92	\$ 56.08	\$ 58.33	\$ 60.66
Attendants hourly	\$ 25.68	\$ 26.70	\$ 27.77	\$ 28.88	\$ 30.04	\$ 31.24	\$ 32.49
Special Activities Pricing	2024-25 Hourly	2025-26 Hourly	2025-26 Hourly	2025-26 Hourly	2025-26 Hourly	2025-26 Hourly	2025-26 Hourly
71 passenger bus, (includes bus and driver) Total hourly rate	\$ 47.94	\$ 49.86	\$ 51.85	\$ 53.92	\$ 56.08	\$ 58.33	\$ 60.66