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To: Dr. Robert Halverson, Superintendent of Schools
East Aurora School District 131 Board of Education

From: Gladys De Lucio, Director of Transportation

Subject: This is an informational memo to the Board of Education regarding
Our continued investigation into alternative transportation options for students.

Background:

The Transportation Department is seeking to explore additional alternative transportation options for the 2026–2027 school year. Currently, the district maintains a contract with First Alt, which operates concurrently with its partner company, First Student. While First Alt provides the majority of alternative transportation services for our McKinney-Vento students, staffing shortages occasionally arise due to the size and constantly changing nature of our McKinney-Vento population.

When these situations occur, the district must utilize taxi transportation providers to ensure continuity of services. However, these services do not consistently meet district expectations and standards, as some providers lack important resources such as onboard video cameras, appropriate safety equipment, and transportation aides when required.

Exploring additional transportation providers that can offer the same level of safety measures, student support resources, and service expectations is essential to ensure all students receive equitable, safe, and exceptional transportation services.