MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education DATE: April 11, 2023

Members

NUMBER: 23-094

FR: Office of the Superintendent SUBJECT: Approval of Purchase,

Kivalina School Bus Shipping

ABSTRACT:

Board approval is required to expend \$50,000.00 and higher.

ISSUE:

At issue is board approval of the administration's request to ship two Thomas school busses for the new Kivalina school.

BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:

The administration is requesting the school boards approval to ship two (2) 2022 Thomas 81 passenger school busses for the new Kivalina Replacement School. The new Kivalina Replacement School opened to students on October 1, 2022. Kivalina's replacement school is situated seven (7) miles from the village. The State of Alaska requires schools/school districts to provide bus service for students that live in excess of one mile from their school. In order to satisfy this requirement, the administration has spent considerable time researching the purchase of school busses. Blue Bird and Thomas are the most commonly used brand of school busses in the United States. Currently Blue Bird does not have a dealership in the state of Alaska, so parts and service have to come from Seattle or beyond. Thomas's Anchorage dealer is Trailercraft, Inc. Trailercraft, Inc. is the sole source supplier of Thomas school busses in the state of Alaska. After much research it is the administration's recommendation that we ship two (2) 81 passenger Thomas school busses for the new Kivalina school from Trailecraft, Inc. FOB Seattle. The administration estimates the freight cost to transport the busses from Seattle to Kivalina will not exceed \$65,734.24.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Approve the administration's request ship two (2) 81 passenger Thomas school busses from Trailercraft, Inc. FOB Seattle. Freight from Seattle to Kivalina not to exceed \$65,734.24
- 2. Disapprove the administration's request to ship two (2) 81 passenger Thomas school busses from Trailercraft, Inc. FOB Seattle. Freight from Seattle to Kivalina not to exceed \$65,734.24
- 3. Take no final action.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends board approval of the administration's request to ship two (2) 81 passenger Thomas school busses from Trailercraft, Inc. FOB Seattle. Freight from Seattle to Kivalina not to exceed \$65,734.24.

Date: 02/21/2023

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Rates are from the Carrier's dock to the traditional barge landing above normal tidal fluctuations.

Rates apply between Carrier's terminals only, and do not include pickup or delivery.

Next Steps:

- Make a booking: If you are ready to schedule your shipment, please complete a shipping request on our website.
 Book a Shipment I Alaska Marine Lines (lynden.com)
 Deliver your cargo in Seattle:
- Deliver your cargo in Seattle: Alaska Marine Lines - Terminal Y4 6110 W. Marginal Way SW Seattle, WA 98106

Dropoff Instructions:

www.lynden.com/aml/about/locations/

Fuel Surcharge: Rates are subject to Carrier's applicable fuel surcharge in effect at the time of shipment.