To: Board of Education
From: Janice Roome, Comptroller
CC: Dr. Jay Morrow, Superintendent; Michael Van Belle, Transportation Director
Date: August 11, 2025
Re: Approval of Transportation Software Contract

Background Information
The transportation department has 17 buses and transports approximately 1,300 students daily. Due to overcrowding, some of the buses make more than one run of their routes. The department has been seeking technology solutions to increase safety and efficiency by streamlining routing, navigation, and communication with parents.

Administrative Considerations
With the assistance of the technology department, we met with various software providers to determine which could best meet the needs of the District at a reasonable price. We found the best fit for the District to be BusRight. A $24,000 annual contract with BusRight includes the following:

- Military grade tablets installed on 16 buses guaranteed to be replaced every four years at no additional charge
- Route software that includes all route data and stops and can create routes to ensure bus efficiency
- Cellular service for real-time tracking of buses and students as well as turn-by-turn navigation for drivers (provides data to help optimize performance and ensure compliance)
- Integration with our Skyward student data software to ensure all students are properly assigned to routes and stops
- Pre-trip inspection documentation
- Scheduling solution for special trips (such as athletic/activity trips and field trips)
- Driver and monitor assignments
- Parent app for communicating changes and delays directly to parent and students
- Unlimited training and concierge technical support

Implementation would begin in October over the fall break to allow time for driver training.

Options Considered
We met with three providers recommended by other districts that would integrate with our Skyward student software. BusRight provided the most cost-effective solution. They specialize in Districts with under 50 buses. We also received a positive recommendation from a local district that has used BusRight for several years.

Fund Source
Transportation Fund

Recommendation
We recommend the Board of Education approve the one-year contract with BusRight for transportation software.