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## **Shared Transportation Services**

We are currently working with Woodland CUSD #5 and the other participating districts to discuss transitioning the shared fleet lease to diesel buses. This proposed lease would be for a three-year term.

### **Strategic Direction & District Impact**

- From a strategic perspective, we are not looking to shift toward managing our own independent fleet at this time. The current partnership is functioning well and continues to be the most viable option for our operations.
- It is important to note that SES 44 is the largest participating district in this cooperative, accounting for 22 in-district routes and 7 out-of-district routes. Because of our significant footprint within the shared fleet, Woodland has requested a commitment from us before they execute the lease agreement.

### **Negotiation Priorities for the New Lease**

As part of this discussion, we are working to negotiate a few key terms with the vendor.

#### **Terms**

- Regarding the commitment requested by Woodland, the current agreement states: "This Agreement will be in effect for the 2024-2025, 2025-2026 and the 2026-2027 school years.
- The parties may mutually agree to extend this Agreement for additional one-year terms on terms and conditions acceptable to each party.

### **Next Steps**

- I informed the Woodland Superintendent that we would discuss this matter as a Board before moving forward.
- While we are generally supportive of the partnership, we are reviewing the specific lease terms to ensure they meet our needs.

#### **Administrative Recommendation**

For discussion purposes only at this time.