

NORTH DUPAGE SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

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To: NDSEC Operational Board

From: Reiley Straub, Director of Business & Operations

Subject: Special Education Transportation Services Contract

Date: 12/20/2019

Background

The Cooperative published a bid for a three (3) year contract for Special Education Transportation Services. A pre-bid meeting was held on December 11th. Six contractors attended this mandatory meeting. Three addenda were issued prior to the bid opening.

Summary of Findings

The bids were opened on December 19, 2019. The Cooperative received four (4) bids. One bidder did not use the bid reply form and has not been included in the results below. The lowest responsible bidder was the Cooperative's current provider, Septran. Results are listed below:

	Septran	Sunrise	Safeway
2020-2021	\$2,385,174	\$2,608,002	\$2,692,800

The rates in year two and year three of the contract will be adjusted by the change in CPI reported in December of the prior school year. Any increase will not be lower than one half percent (.5%) and not be higher than three percent (3.0%).

Financial Impact

The new contract rates for the 2020-2021 school year represent a 1.7% decrease from the current rates for the 2019-2020 school year.

Next Steps

We will review the results at the January 28^{th} finance committee meeting and plan to make a recommendation at the February 10^{th} operational board meeting.