



Date: July 19th, 2023
To: Board of Education
From: Emily Swirsky, Director of Operations
Re: Food Service Vehicle Purchase

Purchase Information

Cost: \$58,391.00
Vendor: LaFontaine CDJR
Source of Funds: Food Service

Description of Need

This van is necessary for moving smaller items including a single short hot box, small quantities of food items and transporting staff from building to building. We have 7 schools spread out across the district and personal vehicles are used daily causing staff complaints and constant mileage reimbursements. This vehicle will also be used to pick up items outside of the district at local retailers such as GFS. Currently our large box trucks are utilized for these purposes when personal vehicles are not being used which interrupts our regular deliveries and uses more fuel than necessary.

Recommendation

We are set up to get state pricing for commercial use vehicles through MiDeal, a state agency that does the bidding process with multiple vendors. LaFontaine CDJR is one of those approved vendors. In fact, they are the only vendor I could find with a minivan in stock.

I am recommending to the Board for consideration to approve the purchase of a 2023 Chrysler Pacifica Hybrid through the state cooperative bid for the price of \$58,391.00 from LaFontaine CDJR with Food Service funds.

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