

Independent School District #363
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BUS BID SPECIFICATIONS:

Name of Bidder: Jake Hasbarger¹¹ Ellis Express¹¹
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Bid to cover four school years: 2023-24 through 2026-27:

1. Ericksburg Route (East)
2. Baudette Route (West)
3. Littlefork Route (Van)
4. International Falls Route (East)
5. Activity/Late Ride Routes

* Mileage will vary depending upon the location of students' residence.

BIDDERS MUST SUBMIT BIDS FOR ALL FIVE ROUTES.

BIDS SUBMITTED FOR ONLY ONE OF THE ROUTES WILL BE REJECTED.

BIDDERS MUST SUBMIT BIDS COVERING ALL FIVE YEARS.

BIDS THAT COVER ONLY CERTAIN YEARS AND THAT PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN OTHER YEARS WILL BE NEGOTIATED IN THE FUTURE WILL BE REJECTED

BIDDERS ARE TO COMPLETE SECTION II. ITEM 1. WITH PER MILE COST.

- h. To add any additional equipment, such as hoist, which may have to be added throughout the year or to comply with any additional procedures necessary to meet the needs of an individual student. Any additional equipment necessary for such purposes shall be provided as an amendment to the contract upon mutually agreeable terms. Equipment or procedures necessary to meet the needs of an individual student shall be identified by the School District.
- i. To comply with all state and federal laws governing the mandatory drug and alcohol testing of drivers.

3. The entire operation contemplated in this agreement shall comply with applicable rules and regulations adopted by the Department of Children, Families and Learning, State Department of Transportation and the school district presently in effect and/or hereafter adopted and required. The bus operator will be bound by all rules and regulations, local ordinances, or state laws relating to road conditions and road restrictions of any other subdivision of government and any other regulations relating to the operation contemplated herein.

II.

1. The bidder submits the following cost per mile covering all four years, to be considered by the Board of Education which will award a single contract for all five routes.

ROUTE #1 – Baudette (West)

2023-2024 School Year 2.95 per route mile
 2024-2025 School Year 3.00 per route mile
 2025-2026 School Year 3.10 per route mile
 2026-2027 School Year 3.20 per route mile

ROUTE #2 - Ericksburg (East)

2023-2024 School Year 2.95 per route mile
 2024-2025 School Year 3.00 per route mile
 2025-2026 School Year 3.10 per route mile
 2026-2027 School Year 3.20 per route mile

ROUTE #3 - Littlefork (Van) *Driver only*

2023-2024 School Year 1.55 per route mile
 2024-2025 School Year 1.60 per route mile
 2025-2026 School Year 1.65 per route mile
 2026-2027 School Year 1.70 per route mile

ROUTE #4 – International Falls (East)

2023-2024 School Year 2.95 per route mile

2024-2025 School Year 3.00 per route mile
2025-2026 School Year 3.10 per route mile
2026-2027 School Year 3.20 per route mile

ROUTE #5 – Activity/Late Ride Routes

2023-2024 School Year 2.95 per route mile
2024-2025 School Year 3.00 per route mile
2025-2026 School Year 3.10 per route mile
2026-2027 School Year 3.20 per route mile

_____ TOTAL

The transportation services to be provided for each route shall be for the four (4) years specified above. However, the Board of Education may upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party, terminate the transportation contract for any or all routes at the end of the 2023-2024 or the 2024-2025 school year.

The School District reserves the right to waive any informalities, to accept or reject in whole all proposals, to request new proposals, or to award a contract which in its judgment is in the best interest of the School District. In the event of identical proposals, the Board of Education may utilize negotiated methods so long as the low price is not exceeded. In the event of only a single proposal, the Board of education may negotiate a lower price with the supplier.

Acceptance of a proposal by the School District for the transportation contemplated by these specifications shall be reduced to a written contract, and the successful supplier agrees to execute such contract which will refer to and include by reference these specifications. It is understood that a contract for transportation will be effective upon award by the School District, or execution following negotiation if not bid. Suppliers are instructed to read the contract and be expected to comply with it in the event of award.

If at any point during the term of this contract, as determined by the School District, it becomes no longer economically feasible to transport students with a school bus, due to the number of students riding the bus, the School District may terminate this contract. The termination of this contract takes place upon a 30 day notice to the bus operator.

If the price of gasoline and/or diesel to the bus operator should exceed \$2.00 per gallon, excluding federal tax, during the contract period the School District agrees to assume the excess cost beyond \$2.00 per gallon, excluding federal tax, upon documentation as to price and gallonage used in fulfilling contracted obligations.

I.

1. It is agreed between the parties that the bus operator shall transport students required to be transported by the school district from any points on the designated routes to and from designated schools according to the routes and schedules as are furnished from time to time by the superintendent of the school district, or other appropriate school district officials, for the period of this contract.

2. The bus operator agrees:

a. To furnish chassis and passenger school bus bodies conforming to all State and Federal laws and regulations relating to school buses.

b. To keep the school buses properly stored to insure proper warmth and comfort for students. Each bus will be equipped with good and sufficient heaters.

c. To have the buses maintained by qualified mechanics so that they will be at all times in good mechanical condition and kept clean and to add such equipment and safety devices as may be required by any new laws or rules of the State of Minnesota, or District policy relating to school buses.

d. To furnish drivers over 18 years of age in good health and in possession of a valid, effective bus driver's license issued by the Motor Vehicle Department of the State of Minnesota, for the buses in adequate numbers and of proper qualifications to fulfill the requirements of the contract. Each driver must have completed a criminal history background check to the satisfaction of the School District.

e. To establish and enforce regulations for the rules relating to the conduct of such drivers.

f. To discharge or replace any drivers violating rules of conduct or not meeting qualifications or such requirements or qualifications as may be established herein.

g. To have on hand serviceable standby buses in sufficient numbers to make all trips necessary under this contract so that all normal buses are operating at all times. Arrangements made with the district to use available spare district buses shall fulfill this requirement.