



Executive Summary Finance Committee Meeting

DATE: April 15, 2021

TOPIC: Transportation Costs

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Recommended for:

- Action
- Discussion
- Information

Purpose/Background:

The current transportation contract with First Student, Inc. concludes July 31, 2021.

Fiscal Impact:

The First Student current offer is as follows:

- A. 2.85% increase on all rates for the 2021-22 school year.
- B. Compensation for 35% of cost for any AM/PM routes not run this 2020-21 school year which equates to approximately \$70,000.
- C. As First Student, Inc. has reduced the percentage to 35% for routes not run in 2020-21, they are also requesting to keep half of the CARES Act funds received from March-May of 2020. The total funds by district are as follows (they are seeking half of each subtotal):

D219	D74	D70	D71
\$ 130,557.36	\$ 47,206.36	\$ 5,629.52	\$ 4,860.38

Last, compensation for up to (3) non-COVID E-learning days in the 2021-22 school year with the following suggested language:

E-Learning Days. Beginning July 1, 2021, if the District implements an E-Learning Day for reasons other than COVID-19 (e.g. inclement weather), the District shall still pay the Contractor of the fees that the Contractor would have been entitled to had instruction been conducted in-person, for up to three (3) E-Learning Days. For each of the E-Learning Days for which payment is made by the District, the Contractor, in consultation with the District, will implement a day of professional development for all of the Contractor's drivers and attendants.

Recommendation:

This is for informational purposes.