



Prepared for: North Bend School Board
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Meeting Date: April 2, 2026

Student Transportation Services - Request for Proposal Award **ACTION REQUIRED**

SUMMARY

In February 2026 the District solicited proposals for transportation services through the Request for Proposal (RFP) process. Five companies showed interest in providing an RFP to the District. Three proposals were received at the District Office by the March 6, 2026 deadline from: Durham School Services, First Student Inc., and Mid Columbia Bus Company, Inc.

A Transportation Evaluation Committee met on March 16 to review and score each proposal. A preliminary decision has been made and will be shared with the Board at the April 2, 2026 meeting with the expectation that the Board will approve the recommended contractor. The selection committee consisted of the following: two school board members, superintendent, business manager, directors of teaching and learning, technology director, and the administrative assistant to the superintendent.

The proposals were scored by the committee on the following criteria:

- Cost/Fee Rates
- Company stability, service reputation and length of time in business
- Financial strength of proposer
- Quality of service and performance record
- Qualifications and experience of management and staff, driver selection and certification programs, ability to retain qualified employees, training including pupil management, and supporting students with special needs
- Ability to meet or exceed the performance goals and requirements of District as set forth in this Request for Proposal
- Fleet plan: Replacement plan for equipment and quality of maintenance program
- Safety program, history and procedures
- Proven history and demonstrated company posture in dealing with parents, community relations and school staff

ACTION REQUESTED:

The District requests that the Board approve the transportation award to the contractor recommended by the committee.

MOTION REQUESTED: “I move to accept the RFP proposal and award the contract to _____ for transportation services and authorize the District to enter into agreement with said contractor.”