

FOR ACTION

Lisle Community Unit School District 202 Board of Education Meeting April 28, 2025

SUBJECT: Special Education Transportation Services Contract Extension

RECOMMENDATION: The Administration recommends that the Board approve the three-year extension agreement with Sunrise Southwest, LLC for special education transportation services beginning with the 2025-2026 school year and continuing through the 2027-2028 school year.

BACKGROUND DATA: The District's current special education transportation services contract with Sunrise Southwest, LLC is part of a cooperative bid managed by SASED. The original agreement began in 2018 and has been extended three times. The current extension is set to expire at the end of the 2024-2025 school year.

In collaboration with other SASED member districts, a three-year extension has been negotiated with Sunrise Southwest. The agreement includes an annual 4% increase in transportation rates for each year of the extension (2025-2026, 2026-2027, and 2027-2028). Additionally, the amendment provides further clarification to route classifications, mid-day trip billing, and the billing procedures for monitors/aides accompanying students on routes.

The contract will reach the maximum allowable 10-year term with this proposed extension. All participating districts intend to issue a joint bid at the end of this extension period in 2028.

The contract amendment reflecting these terms, along with the proposed rate sheet, is included in BoardBooks.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The cost of special education transportation is expected to increase by approximately \$55,000 for SY2025-2026 as compared to the prior school year. Special education transportation costs are included in the annual budget and are partially reimbursed by the State of Illinois (approximately 60%). The 4% increases will be factored into the FY2026, FY2027, and FY2028 budgets.

SUGGESTED MOTION: That the Board of Education approves the three-year contract extension agreement with Sunrise Southwest, LLC for special education transportation services for the 2025-2026, 2026-2027, and 2027-2028 school years.