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Superintendent of Schools

To: RIMSD 41 Board of Education
From: Dr. Sharon Williams
Cabinet Champion: Annaka Whiting, Chief Financial Officer
Date: July 28, 2026
Re: Johannes Bus Service Agreement Extension

Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/29-6.1) authorizes school districts to enter into pupil transportation contracts for up to three (3) years. The statute further permits those contracts to be extended for up to two (2) additional years by mutual agreement of the parties.

In 2023, the District conducted a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process for student transportation services for the 2023-2024, 2024-2025, and 2025-2026 school years. Following that process, the Board awarded the contract to Johannes Bus Service, Inc., the lowest responsible qualified bidder.

The current contract expired at the conclusion of the 2025-2026 school year. In accordance with Illinois School Code and the terms of the existing agreement, District administration has negotiated a one-year contract extension with Johannes Bus Service, Inc. for the 2026-2027 school year. This extension will allow the District to continue providing reliable transportation services while maintaining continuity of operations. Administration anticipates reviewing transportation rates and negotiating pricing for the 2027-2028 school year prior to considering an additional extension.

The proposed rates for the 2026-2027 school year are attached.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the contract extension with Johannes Bus Service Inc. for the 2026-2027 School year.

Investment Period: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027

Total Investment: approximately \$2,200,000 based on history and new rates

Funding Source: Transportation Fund

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