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Honorable Members of the Board of Alders
City of New Haven
165 Church Street
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Re: Approval of Multi-Year Contract with the City of New Haven for Out of District Transportation Services for Special Education Students of the New Haven Public Schools

Dear Honorable Members of the Board of Alders:

The Board of Education's contract for vans and /or lift vehicles for out of town transportation for students with special needs expires on June 30, 2019. The vehicles transport students out of town facilities such as ACES, Boys' Village in Milford, and American School for the Deaf in West Hartford and Foundation School in Orange and Milford.

On April 8, 2018, the Board of Education advertised a bid for out of town transportation services for the next four years with two, one-year renewal options. First Student, which is our current bus transportation provider, was the sole bidder.

The New Haven Board of Education at its special meeting of March 12, 2019 awarded the multi-year contract to First Student, Inc. effective July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2023, subject to approval by the New Haven Board of Alders.

Costs to New Haven under the current contract are \$1,574,222.40. Total cost for year one (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020) in the new contract is estimated at \$1,621,456.20, which is based upon current daily usage determined by student transportation needs. Any changes will be tied to per unit pricing outlined in the contract. The cost per vehicle will increase by 3% for each year. As in the past, the cost does not include fuel or monitors, which is paid separately. The Board of Education is responsible for paying for up to 550,000 gallons of fuel. The cost for any consumption above that amount will be deducted from the payment to the bus company. We will continue to use low sulfur diesel fuel, which enhances the reduction in diesel emissions.

Additionally, the new contract requires all vehicles to be equipped with GPS in order to monitor stops, times, and speed. Unlike some other school districts, New Haven requires in their contract annual criminal and motor vehicle background checks.

I am hereby submitting the multi-year contract for your approval. Thank you for your consideration.

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All kids can learn, achieve and rise to a bright future.

Sincerely yours,

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