

# CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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135 Berkshire Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02141

May 5, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

CONTRACT AMENDMENT: School Transportation Services, McKinney-Vento/Homeless

RECOMMENDATION:

That the School Committee approve an amendment to the following contract for transportation services for homeless students; funds to be provided from the General Fund. Procurement procedures for this amendment have complied with Chapter 30B of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Period of Amendment</u>	<u>Negotiated Rate</u>
S.P. & R/NRT 230 Main Street North Reading, MA 01864	3/16/20 – 6/30/20	78% of Daily rate (Per Contract)

DESCRIPTION:

This contract amendment allows continued payment to the vendor during the Governor’s mandatory school closure between March 16 and June 30, 2020 at 78% of the contractual daily rate for the purpose of ensuring that transportation services, an essential operational service, are available when schools reopen.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Federal Stimulus Bill passed by Congress in response to COVID19 set aside funding for K-12 education and has made such funding contingent upon school districts, *“to the greatest extent practicable, continuing to pay its employees and contractors during the period of any disruptions or closures related to coronavirus.”* The Mass. DESE has provided guidance that school districts should: *“continue payments for outsourced operational services that are needed to ensure continuity of essential services when schools reopen. Such payments may be conditioned on negotiated changes to contracts”* related to the state of emergency. The amendment gives consideration to the vendor’s fixed costs and requires the continued payment employee salaries & benefits as related to the Cambridge contract.

SUPPORTING DATA, RULES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Chapter III, Section 12...” motions calling for the appropriation or expenditure of money I require the affirmative vote of four members.”

BUDGET REFERENCES:

Fund		Account		Dept.	
15000	General Fund	53301	Student Transportation	885893	Transportation/Homeless

Respectfully Submitted,

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