



## **Answers to Questions No. 2**

August 9, 2023  
School Transportation Services  
RFP No. 2324-PUR014

**Question:** The RFP states: "All drivers transporting deaf and/or hard of hearing pupils shall be capable of communicating basic rules, disciplinary actions, and emergency instruction through basic sign language." Would the district organize training for this situation?

**Answer:** The District does not provide any sign language training; however, currently the District does not have deaf and/or hard of hearing students that need home to school transportation.

**Question:** What type of vehicle would the district like to use for the home to school routes H2S? Would mini school buses suffice?

**Answer:** See Answers to Questions No. 1. The District currently has six (6) home to school transportation needs, each student rides alone, only two carpool.

**Question:** Would the district be open to utilizing school buses without air conditioning?

**Answer:** No

**Question:** Would the district be willing to lower the commercial liability & automobile insurance limits to \$5,000,000 minimum general aggregate from the currently listed \$10,000,000 minimum general aggregate? The \$5MM minimum limit per occurrence and \$5MM minimum general aggregate is the industry standard.

**Answer:** The District will match the CDE Transportation insurance requirements.

**Question:** Would the district provide storage for the vehicles/buses utilized to complete this contract or is the contractor responsible for the vehicle/bus storage?

**Answer:** No, the District will not provide storage for the vehicles/buses.

**Question:** How many extra-curricular pupil transportation trips are there throughout the year?

**Answer:** See Answer to Questions No. 1, last page.



**Question:** Can you please provide a copy of the previously executed contract?

**Answer:** Not at this time.

**Question:** Is there an age restriction on the vehicles to be provided?

**Answer:** No

**Question:** The RFP states "All buses must have air conditioning and seat belts." Will the District allow the school bus to not have seatbelts if the contractor agrees they will maintain all regular and standby school buses serving the district in good and safe mechanical and operating condition that meets or exceeds the standards established by the applicable laws; including those regarding lap/shoulder belts or seat belts, including by way of illustration and not limitation California Vehicle Code section 27316.5, California Code of Regulations section 14105 and California Education Code section 39831.5?

**Answer:** As long as the buses meet the applicable laws regarding student transportation, the District will allow the bus usage.

End of Answers to Questions No. 2