

To: Board of Education

From: Ron May, director, administrative services

Re: USD 497 Student Transportation Services

Date: April 7, 2016

Background:

Lawrence Public Schools conducted a student transportation cost analysis in 1996. Based on this information, the Board of Education made the decision to contract with Laidlaw for student transportation services. Laidlaw was purchased by First Student, and the district has continued contracting with them. In 2011, the Board of Education approved a five year extension, which ends in the 2015-2016 school year.

Report:

Since the current contract is expiring, another cost analysis has been conducted. This report will provide specific information pertaining to the number of buses, routes, and student ridership. It will also show the quotes given for First Student to continue providing transportation services. Administration is recommending that the Board of Education enter into a new five year contract with a clause that would allow either party to end the agreement prior to the contract. A request for approval will be made at the April 25 meeting.