

## **BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

April 21, 2020

### ***SUBJECT:***

Request to Purchase Mini Buses

### ***BACKGROUND INFORMATION:***

The School Board approved the creation of the tier 3 behavior intervention program at its February 11, 2020, meeting. This new program will be housed in a separate building on Pinecrest campus. Students will be transported to the site from various areas of the County.

### ***ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:***

Through evaluation of the transportation needs of the program and in consideration of the geographical size of the District, the Administration projects a need for four buses. We have received pricing for 14-passenger mini buses at an approximately cost of \$51,600 each from Blanchard Machinery Company. One advantage is that a commercial drivers license (CDL) is not required to operate buses of this size.

The Administration requests consideration for the purchase of a fifth mini bus that could be used as a backup for the program and for other district uses.

The total cost of five buses is an estimated \$258,000. The Administration proposes utilizing available Medicaid funds for the purchase of the buses. The Medicaid funds are non-recurring, local funds generated from Medicaid billings. These funds are periodically used for a variety of non-recurring type purposes.

The lead-time for delivery of a bus order is approximately 120 days through Blanchard.

### ***RECOMMENDATION:***

Approve the purchase of five 14-passenger buses

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