

Whereas, the final New Jersey State Education Budget omitted the language allowing the continuation of the Lakewood Student Transportation Authority as it was operating in the past; and

Whereas, as a result, the Lakewood Board of Education seeks to engage the services of a firm to perform Student Transportation Management Services for Nonpublic Schools; and

Whereas, the District sought and received permission from the Department of Community Affairs on July 25, 2019 to use the Competitive Contracting method of procurement for this service; and

Whereas, on August 1, 2019 the Board of Education approved the use of the Competitive Contracting method of procurement to solicit for this service as is required; and

Whereas, on August 1, 2019 the Board advertised for proposals in the Asbury Park Press, Star Ledger, Lakewood Scoop and District website; and

Whereas, Twenty Seven (27) firms were solicited and One (1) response was received from the Lakewood Student Transportation Authority (LSTA), 475 Oberlin Street South, Lakewood, NJ and scored by an evaluation committee; and

Whereas, LSTA presented three (3) proposal options to perform Transportation Management Services for Nonpublic Schools; and

Whereas, proposal #2 was deemed to be the most advantageous to the Lakewood School District, cost and other factors considered, and the LSTA response was responsive and responsible to the specification as advertised and is described as follows:

The LSTA will charge the Lakewood Board of Education \$1,000 (to be verified by the DRTRS) for every mandated student (approximately 22,500) to either disperse the aide-in-lieu funds to the appropriate persons or procure transportation for those students. LSTA estimates that this proposal can save the districts upwards of \$3 million-\$4 million and ensure stability for the years to come.

Be It Resolved, that the Lakewood Board of Education award a contract to the LSTA to perform Student Transportation Management Services for Nonpublic Schools in Lakewood.