


**SWEET HOME CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF AMHERST AND TONAWANDA**

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Michael V. Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools

FROM: Donald G. Feldmann, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Plant Services 

DATE: August 15, 2023

RE: TRANSPORTATION BID (WNY Maritime Charter School – High & Middle; Bishop Timon - St. Jude High School) 2023-24-27 – Contracted Transportation

BACKGROUND:

Bid specifications for this Contracted Transportation were developed to provide transportation for a student between their home (Amherst, NY) and the following schools:

- Western New York Maritime Charter School – High, 2219 South Park Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14210
- Western New York Maritime Charter School – Middle, 102 Buffman St., Buffalo, NY 14210
- Bishop Timon – St. June High School, 601 McKinley Parkway, Buffalo, NY 14220.

The original bid documents also included transportation to NYS School for the Blind. The District learned after the bid was opened that transportation to the school was no longer needed. The District provided the two vendors that responded to the original bid – WNY Bus Company and Transpo Bus Services – the opportunity to amend their pricing structure from their original bid and submit a new proposal to the District on Monday, August 14. Instructions clearly stated that if no new proposal was received the District would carry forward pricing from the vendor’s original proposal when awarding the bid.

Specifications for the original bid were published in the Amherst and Ken-Ton Bee Newspapers on July 12, 2023 as well as posted on the District website at sweethomeschools.org. The two vendors that responded to the original bid were notified via email on August 9, 2023 of the amended specifications.

Two bids were received by the District. One vendor – Transpo Bus Services – did amend their pricing from the original bid.

Bid Tabulation:

Vendor	Cost Per Day Maritime Charter School (Middle)	Cost Per Day Maritime Charter School (High)	Cost Per Day Bishop Timon – St. Jude High School	Cost per additional student (if needed)	Cost for transportation aide (if needed)
WNY Bus Company	\$262 per day	\$262 per day	\$268 per day	\$196 per student per day	\$148 per day
Transpo Bus Services, LLC	\$176 per day	\$176 per day	\$176 per day	\$20 per student per day	\$130 per day

Bid Recommendation:

I recommend that we award this bid to Transpo Bus Services, LLC at a total rate of \$528 per day for transportation between Amherst, NY and the following schools: WNY Maritime Charter School – Middle, WNY Maritime Charter School – High and Bishop Timon – St. Jude High School. **Total cost to transport one (1) student to and from each of these destinations for the length of the 2023-24 school year (180 days) is \$95,040.**