



*Highline Public Schools Board Action Report*

DATE: June 26, 2024

FROM: Dr. Ivan Duran, Superintendent

LEAD STAFF: Maria Juarez, Interim Director of Transportation

For Introduction: July 10, 2024      For Action: August 21, 2024

**I. TITLE** Motion to Approve Annual Contracts for McKinney-Vento Qualified Student Transportation

Select one:    New Item    Renewed Item    Annual Item    Revised Item

**II. WHY BOARD ACTION IS NECESSARY**

Per Board Policy 6225, the board must approve contracts and purchases that exceed \$250,000.

**III. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The McKinney-Vento Act is a federal law that ensures immediate enrollment and educational stability for homeless and foster youth. This includes providing transportation to and from school for qualified students, at no cost.

The district has well-established partnerships with Everdriven, LLC, and HopSkipDrive as the best choice vendors for the McKinney Vento qualified student transportation and would like to continue service for the 2024-25 school year.

District staff recommends approving the Everdriven, LLC contract for \$2,000,000.00, and HopSkipDrive contract for \$3,000,000.00; these amounts include the initial contract totals and purchase order increases approved in the 2023-24 school year. The transportation department anticipates these amounts will cover the supplemental transportation needs of Mckinney Vento qualified students, for the 2024-25 school year.

Completed contracts with vendor signatures will be available for the board directors' review before action is taken, at the August 21, 2024, school board meeting.

**IV. RECOMMENDED MOTION**

I move that the Highline School Board approve the 2024-25 school year contract(s) with Everdriven, LLC for \$2,000,000.00, and Hop Skip Drive for \$3,000,000.00, for a total of \$5,000,000.00 in McKinney Vento qualified student transportation, with minor modifications or adjustments as approved by the Superintendent.

**V. FISCAL IMPACT/REVENUE SOURCE**

The fiscal impact to this action will be a total of \$5,000,000.00. This includes the Everdriven LLC contract for \$2,000,000.00, and HopSkipDrive contract for \$3,000,000.00, allocated from 990B.

The revenue source for this motion is the Transportation General Fund.

Expenditure:    One-time    Annual

**VI. APPLICABLE POLICY(S)**

This action is in compliance with the following:  
Board Policy 6225 and Board Policy 8101P

**VII. ALTERNATIVES**

The alternative to using these two established vendors would be to attempt to supplement with District drivers and partner with other school districts. However, this is not recommended due to a shortage of bus drivers across districts. Further, sourcing additional outside service providers may be an alternative, but could result in delays in service for Mckinney Vento qualified students.

**VIII. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Community Engagement Required:  Yes  No

**IX. ATTACHMENTS**

1. Everdriven LLC Contract (available by 08/21/2024)
2. HopSkipDrive Contract (available by 08/21/2024)