


**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: November 6, 2024

RE: TRANSPORTATION BID: St. Mary's School for the Deaf  
Bid Notice #2024-25-33 Contracted Handicapped Transportation

**BACKGROUND:**

Bid specifications for this Contracted Transportation was developed to provide transportation for one (1) Sweet Home student:

- (1) Between home (Amherst, NY) and St. Mary's School for the Deaf – 2253 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14214

The District entered into an emergency transportation contract to cover this run due to a lack of drivers. The emergency contract will expire on Sunday, November 10, 2024.

Specifications for this particular bid were published in the Amherst and Ken-Ton Bee Newspapers on October 16, 2024 as well as posted on the District website at [sweethomeschools.org](http://sweethomeschools.org).

Three (3) bids were received by the District on November 1, 2024.

**Bid Tabulation:**

**St. Mary's School for the Deaf**

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Contract Base Price (1 Student)</b>	<b>Cost per additional student (if needed)</b>	<b>Cost for transportation aide (if needed)</b>
First Student, Inc	\$375 per day	\$100 per student per day (Limit 2)	\$50 per hr / per day
Buffalo Transportation, Inc.	\$376 per day	\$80 per student per day	\$150 per day
Transpo Bus Services	\$389 per day	\$20 per student per day	\$140 per day

**Bid Recommendation:**

I recommend that we award this bid to First Student, Inc. at a rate of \$375 per day for transportation between Amherst, NY and St. Mary's School for the Deaf. **Total cost to transport one (1) student to and from this destination each day from November 18 – June 26, 2025 (approximately 130 days) is \$48,750.**