

To: Whom It May Concern
From: Nikki Andrade, Business Manager and Michelle Resendes, Director of Operations
Re: Bid 25-01 School Bus Transportation - Bidder's Questions #2 - Updated
Date: January 14, 2025

1. **Question:** Will the district accept buses without mid-bus heaters? As it is not a standard/required Massachusetts specification. (Page 18, 4.7)

Answer: Yes, Minuteman will remove the mid-bus heater requirement. All buses shall be equipped with front bus and rear bus heaters.

2. **Question:** Will the district accept reviewed Financial Statements instead of audited Financial Statements? (Page 30, 10.2 d.)

Answer: No, Minuteman will accept the most recently audited financial statements for the prior year and/or the previous 2 two years.

3. **Question:** Does the district currently have its own Computerized Routing Software System? (Page 26, 6.11 Paragraph 2)

Answer: No, Minuteman does not currently have its own Computerized Routing Software System. The contractor would be required to possessing this software.

4. **Question:** Does the current contract have Wi-Fi capabilities? What is the need for Wi-Fi capability? (Page 18, 4.8)

Answer: No, the current contract does not have Wi-Fi capabilities. Minuteman is looking into procuring equipment to be installed on buses for Wi-Fi capability.

5. **Question:** Does the current contract have GPS (Global Positioning System) with AVL (Automatic Value Locator)? (Page 18, 4.10)

Answer: Yes

6. **Question:** What determines a \$25,000 penalty fine to be imposed on the contractor? Please specify. (Page 24, 5.21)

Answer: There is no specification needed as unexpected transportation circumstances may vary.

Bid states: "If unexpected transportation circumstances warrant the closing of the Minuteman High School, the Superintendent shall be so notified prior to 5:00 a.m. In the event of a school closing due to transportation issues, the District shall be credited the amount of \$25,000 as liquidated damages for each day of a contract violation which results in the closing of the Minuteman High School."