

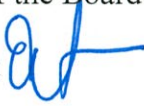
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Dr. Edwin M. Quezada
Superintendent of Schools

DATE: September 12, 2022

TO: Rev. Steve Lopez, President
and Members of the Board of Education

FROM: Dr. Edwin M. Quezada 

RE: **Request for Emergency Declaration - School Bus Vehicles**

I have approved the attached Request for Emergency Declaration from the Manager of Administration Dr. Fenix Arias on September 12, 2022.

This Emergency Declaration request is for the Transportation Department to continue to support the 2022-2023 Athletic full schedule, Out-of-District, and McKenney Vento Act, as our school district is experiencing the effects of the nationwide school bus vehicle and driver shortage. Despite issuing two competitive bids in 2022 which resulted in the School District partnering with five vendors, there are not enough buses to cover our routing and transportation needs. We need to expand our contract and award to include non-awarded vendors (United Cerebral Palsy, First Student, and other transportation companies that apply to the current Request For Quotes—RFQ).

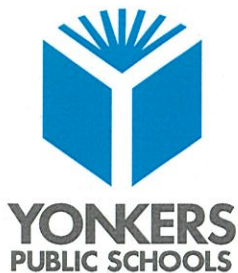
Immediate action must be taken and cannot await competitive bidding since compliance with IEPs and FAPE are necessary. The current available budget for Transportation should be enough to cover this emergency request.

We respectfully request your immediate and urgent assistance in assisting the Transportation in mitigating the impact of this unprecedented crisis.

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration of this request.

EMQ:nmr
Encl.

cc: Dr. Fenix Arias, Mr. Tom Collich, Mr. Brad Gorson, Ms. Elizabeth Janocha, Mr. John Liszewski



From: YPS Transportation Department
To: Dr. Edwin Quezada
Date: September 7, 2022
Subject: School Bus Vehicles Emergency Declaration

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This is an Emergency Declaration request for the Transportation Department to continue to support the 2022-2023 Athletic full schedule, Out-of-District, and McKenney Vento Act, as our school district is experiencing the effects of the nationwide school bus vehicle and driver shortage. Despite issuing two competitive bids in 2022 (RFB6834 and RFP 459) which resulted in the School District partnering with five vendors, there are not enough buses to cover our routing and transportation needs. We need to expand our contract and award to include non-awarded vendors (United Cerebral Palsy, First Student, and other transportation companies that apply to the current Request For Quotes—RFQ).

The current transportation vendors have been advised that they will be unable to accommodate the transportation needs to *Athletics*, *In-District* and *Out-of-District special education*, and *McKenney Vento* routes resulting in a need of transportation.

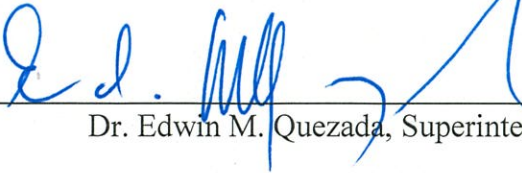
For *Athletics*, there are between 2,500-3,000 student athletes in need of transportation for the fall and spring seasons. This does not include teams practicing in the off-season that may need transportation. We also will have post-season games that are not currently built into the schedules. Of those contests, half are home (in-district) and half are away (out-of-district). Due to our league structure, some away games are still within district. As a rough estimate, 35-40% of our trips could be out-of-district, with the remaining games being in district. Additionally, the track team will require multiple buses for all out-of-district events. We currently have 129 interscholastic sports teams competing for the fall and spring seasons. For *Out-of-District*, there are two students waiting to be routed, at the time of writing this emergency declaration; about six McKenney Vento students.

Immediate action must be taken and cannot await competitive bidding since compliance with IEPs and FAPE are necessary. The current available budget for Transportation should be enough to cover this emergency request.

We respectfully request your immediate and urgent assistance in assisting the Transportation in mitigating the impact of this unprecedented crisis.

Please indicate your approval/disapproval of this Emergency Declaration by signing below:

APPROVED:

 9.12.22

Dr. Edwin M. Quezada, Superintendent of Schools

DENIED

Dr. Edwin M. Quezada, Superintendent of Schools

C: Dr. F. Arias