



CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL

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Dear Clearbrook-Gonvick School District Parents & Community Members,

Earlier this school year, Steins Bus Service, LLC made a proposal to the School District to either amend the existing contract on their terms or terminate the contract at the conclusion of the 2023-2024 school year. After much discussion, the School Board accepted Steins' termination proposal and agreement, and acted at the January 2024 school board meeting to terminate the transportation services agreement with Steins Bus Service, LLC with the last day of service being May 24, 2024.

As a result, the school board made a motion to direct the School District's administration to seek and identify interested and qualified service providers for student transportation services effective June 1, 2024. The district ran a legal notice that requested transportation quotations commencing July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027. The transportation committee reviewed the qualified requests that were received and selected Superior Transportation. Through direct negotiations with Superior Transportation, the transportation committee recommended to the full school board to approve a contract with Superior Transportation of Clearbrook-Gonvick, LLC for three contract years commencing with July 1, 2024, and an option to extend for two additional years, consistent with Minnesota Statutes Section 123B.52, Subds. 1 and 3.

There are a few things the school district would like to make known to parents and the community about Superior Transportation Clearbrook-Gonvick, LLC, to help make a smooth transition into the 2024-2025 school year. As part of the transition plan, the contractor shall take all reasonable steps to first offer employment to those qualified drivers and other hourly personnel presently working for the current contractor at their current rate of pay. Superior Transportation will provide all training required to obtain a CDL, school bus, and passenger endorsements. The transportation personnel will also be compliant with all state and federal regulations, including drug and alcohol testing, and background checks.

Some additional information to share with you is that the school district is not required to build a transportation terminal as part of the new transportation services agreement and has no plans or interest in building a terminal at this time. As part of the contract, there is a fuel escalator built into this contract where the contractor will pay 100% of the cost of fuel up to \$3.00/gallon. Any cost over \$3.00/gallon will be split 50/50 between the contractor and the school district. Having a fuel escalator built into the contract will save the district approximately \$48,600 next school year. The district is currently paying 100% of the fuel costs with Steins Bus Service, LLC. The district has also recommended that all fuel be purchased within the boundaries of the school district. In addition to the cost savings with the fuel escalator, the district will also save approximately \$54,000 next year in mileage costs, meaning the district will save a minimum of \$102,600 next school year.

Clearbrook-Gonvick School District and Superior Transportation Clearbrook-Gonvick, LLC will continue to make it a top priority to provide safe and dependable transportation services for ISD #2311 families and families that reside outside of the district boundaries that enroll in our school district, while being fiscally responsible.

The school district encourages anyone who is interested in driving bus, working as a bus aide, being a mechanic, or being site manager to contact owner Joe Schieffert at (507) 217-6343 or email at joe@superiortm.com Anyone interested in applying for employment with Superior Transportation Clearbrook-Gonvick, LLC, can start by checking out their website at www.superiortm.com

Sincerely,

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Board