

## The Public Schools of Brookline

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- TO: Susan K. Givens, Ed.D. Deputy Superintendent, Administration and Finance
- FROM: Jose Albuquerque, Director of Operations
- RE: Bus Contract Extension for FY2026
- DATE: April 15, 2025

The transportation contract for our in-town and METCO bus service is a three-year contract with five one-year renewal options. As we complete our fifth year, we are very satisfied with the level of service we are receiving. The FY26 budget is built on the bid price from each vendor. The anticipated cost for FY26 for in-town bus service is \$421,000, and for METCO bus service is \$385,000. The in-town bus services include a reduction of 2 buses for K-8. Other districts that have bid transportation services for the coming year have seen rate increases ranging from 9% to 26%; our contract increase for Eastern Bus is 4.5% and the increase for Local Motion is 2%.

For these reasons, I recommend extending the contract with Eastern Bus and Local Motion for FY26.