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2024/23 Transportation Contract Bid

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OVERVIEW - Base rate paid over a 12 month period

In-county Trips: \$100 per trip. Plus, layover, if the bus is used for multiple trips and requires the driver to stay.

Out-of-County Trips: \$2.50 per mile plus layover

Layover Costs per Trip: \$25.00 per hour.

Weekend-in-County Trip: \$125 per trip

*Trip is any trip that the bus is used to transportate school children (field trip/sporting event)

Fuel Adjustment: Remain at the previous agreed upon adjustment. If the price of fuel goes over \$4.00 per gallon, an extra \$0.01 per \$0.01 over \$4.00 per gallon will be charges

Special Education: Unaware of any transportation needs for any students.

Non-Religion kids: If a secondary route needs to be run to pick up non-religion kids before school, we will need to add an additional \$25 per day to our base salary.

Drivers: **NO CHANGE** - Brad and Tim are our only current licensed drivers.

Initial class course dates have been released from ROE. We need the school and parents to spread the word that this is a GREAT need. *Without drivers we may not be able to continue in the future.* Requirements: Complete a CDL Entry Level Driving Training (ELDT), CDL license with ability to obtain bus endorsement, pass background check, pass physical and drug test, and attend initial/refresher bus driver course.

Routes: We will have 2 morning routes, like in years past. Brad is currently the only driver able to drive in the afternoon. With that being said, we will have to do an early and late afternoon route, depending on the number of kids riding the bus home. Brad will be working on this, once he gets confirmation from parents on who will be riding the bus, and distributing to Tom/Shelly.

Field Trips: We will need the teachers to plan on their field trips being back to the school by 2:30 pm. Brad will have to leave Bartelso to pick up the MD kids when they get out of school (2:50) and bring them back to each school, Germantown & Bartelso. We understand that sometimes that doesn't work and are willing to make certain adjustments, if asked in advance. **If we have to plan**

on another driver to do the Mater Dei route, then we will need to charge \$30 extra for that field trip.

Conduct on the bus: We would like the parents and teachers to remind their children of the bus rules. The bus is an extension of the classroom. If they can't do it in class, then they shouldn't do it on the school bus. In the same manner, if children are not allowed to destroy their parents' vehicle, then they should not destroy the bus. Each bus has a trash can on it for their use. If we have to continue cleaning up spilled food and drinks, we will need to charge a cleaning **fee of \$25**. In previous years, we had pencils sticking out of seats. If this behavior continues, then we will have to start assigning seats.

Cancellation of in-school learning: If school gets state mandated to stop in-person learning, Varel Bus Service LLC is willing to only get 75% of our monthly base salary.

Pandemic Rules: We will be obligated to follow the state board of education mandated rules and rules set forth by the school board. We may have to adjust bus routes and make early/late routes. Our plan is to have the early route be the town kids, then pick up the country kids for the late route. It will be extremely important that parents communicate with Brad ASAP on any bus changes.

GOALS

1. New set base rate - We are asking for a 5% raise from the previous base rate to \$67,188.
2. New rates for in-county trips, weekend in-county trips, Cost per mile for out-of-county trips and hourly layover costs.
3. Drop Off
 - a. Be able to drop children off in the morning in the front without congestion from the parents dropping off kids. We can not be congested with cars behind or in front of us because we need to be able to get on our way with the Mater Dei high school kids. (Breese Central kids get picked up by M&K transportation out of Aviston) We have a tight schedule because the high school kids in Germantown have to be picked up from both companies before heading towards their prospective school. (High school route is contracted through Central)
 - b. Due to children safety and IL state law, parents should not drive under the stop arm of the bus.

Proposed by: Brad and Rebecca Varel, co-owners of Varel Bus Service LLC

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