



REPORT TO

CORPORATE SERVICES, STRATEGIC PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

AWARDING OF TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTS

All this also comes from the Lord Almighty, whose plan is wonderful, whose wisdom is magnificent. Isaiah 28:29 / NIV /

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RECOMMENDATION REPORT		

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Mission:

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is an inclusive learning community rooted in the love of Christ. We educate students to grow in grace and knowledge and to lead lives of faith, hope and charity.



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A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The current contract for student transportation services expires this year and the Board must enter into a new contract effective for September 2016. The TSTG (Toronto Student Transportation Group) has completed evaluations of service providers for purposes of entering into new contracts for September 2016 and has submitted its report including recommendations, for the consideration of the Board.

B. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide for the consideration of Trustees the report (*Appendix 'A'*) from TSTG regarding the awarding of transportation contracts for September 2016, and for subsequent Board approval of its recommendations.

C. BACKGROUND

1. The current contract for the provision of transportation services for TCDSB and TDSB will expire in 2016.
2. At its meeting of October 16, 2014, the TSTG Governance Committee approved the following:
 - a) That staff be authorized to go to the market place through an RFP process to secure student transportation services commencing in September 2016.
 - b) That selected carriers and the public be requested to submit proposals for the provision of transportation services.
 - c) That staff be authorized to enter into negotiations with responding service providers.
 - d) That the proposed RFP for student transportation services be approved subject to final review by the Board's solicitor.
 - e) That staff prepare a summary report upon the conclusion of the RFP for the TSTG Governance Committee to review, confirm, and adjust the awarding of transportation contracts if required.

3. TSTG received proposals from the following 8 vendors:

- Attridge Transportation*
- First Student Transportation
- Landmark Transportation
- McCluskey Transportation*
- Sharp Transportation
- Stock Transportation*
- Switzer-Carty Transportation
- Wheelchair Accessible Transit*

*operators currently providing service to the Toronto School Boards

4. TSTG has completed evaluations for new contracts to be effective September 2016. Although the prices are based on fair market value, they are higher than current rates and will continue to challenge the Transportation budget.

D. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendations from TSTG be approved.

1. That the Toronto Student Transportation Group recommend member School Boards enter into contracts for the provision of transportation services for a six year period with two one year optional extensions based on terms and conditions set out in the Request for Proposal commencing September 1, 2016 with the following School Bus Operators:

- Attridge Transportation
- First Student Transportation
- McCluskey Transportation
- Sharp Transportation
- Stock Transportation
- Switzer-Carty Transportation
- Wheelchair Accessible Transit

2. That the TSTG Co-Chairs along with the Directors and Chairs of the TCDSB and TDSB request a meeting with both political and administrative leaders at the Ministry of Education to address the significant imbalance in transportation funding.