

**CONTINUATION OF SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND**

Subject to approval, additional providers may be added to the pool of awarded bus companies. At the August 19, 2014, Board meeting, two (2) additional bus companies were added to the pool of approved school bus providers. To date, \$645,564 has been expended of the original \$650,000. The current funding levels are not adequate for the duration of the contract.

Schools have the option to utilize the Student Transportation & Fleet Services (STFS) or an approved contracted vendor for field trips. There are multiple variables contributing to the increased use of this service:

- Some of the contracted vendors charge rates comparable to the District's rate;
- Vendors perform field trips during all times of the day, whereas STFS is limited to performing trips only during times in which regular school routes are not transporting students.

The additional funding is based on the average monthly spending of \$53,797. Due to the increased spending on this contract, Procurement & Warehousing Services' staff will rebid the service prior to July 28, 2016, to seek more competitive pricing.