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TO: John P. Phelan, Superintendent of Schools

FROM: Anthony DiCologero, Director of Finance, Business and Operations

DATE: June 10, 2020

RE: Sped Transfer Vote and Sped Transportation Vote for June 16 School Committee Meeting

In an effort to expedite the review of the Special Education Reserve Fund and Special Education Transportation votes anticipated for the June 16 School Committee meeting, the following information is provided:

#### Special Education Reserve Fund Vote

- In order to comply with federal IDEA Maintenance of Effort requirements, we are recommending and requesting that the School Committee vote to transfer an amount from the FY20 School General Fund Budget to the Special Education Reserve Fund.
  - At this time the amount is \$672,891, based on the report discussed at the May 13 School Committee meeting. This amount could change by the June 16 meeting.
  - A final review is expected for the June 29 School Committee meeting, where a revised amount could be requested for a vote, if needed.
- This action is in accordance with the district's Multi-Year Out-of-District Funding Plan, as presented at the May 13 School Committee meeting.

#### Special Education Transportation Vote

- We are recommending and requesting that the School Committee approve discounted rates for Special Education transportation providers for days during the FY20 COVID shutdown:
  - Van Pool, 37% discount
  - JSC, 22% discount
- These percentages are in keeping with the discounts already approved for regular day and METCO transportation.
- These two vendors comprise 95% of our routes.
- We have amendment language that the district will participate in recouping expenses paid if either vendor receives state or federal assistance related to COVID-19.
- The original contracts and these amendments have been facilitated through LABBB Collaborative.
- LABBB Collaborative has offered to waive the 4% administration fee for invoices during this period
- We are also recommending and requesting that the School Committee authorize the school administration to negotiate and finalize payment (as necessary) to the remaining vendors.
  - Three vendors servicing a combined four routes.

Please let me know if you have any questions.