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Honorable City Council  
Newton City Hall  
1000 Commonwealth Avenue  
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Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting approval to enter into a five-year (5) contract for the supply and delivery of school bus transportation services for Newton Public Schools commencing on July 1, 2022 and ending on June 30, 2027.

Newton Public Schools currently transports approximately 2,900 students, utilizing thirty-eight (38) 77 passenger buses. Due to the significant capital outlay required of any bidder, it is financially prudent for the City to enter into a five-year contract for this service.

Please know the School Committee has full authority over the choice and terms of the school bus contract. However, the City Council has the sole authority to extend a contract beyond 3 years. Thus, this docket item is specifically to agree to a 5 year contract.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

*Ruthanne Fuller*

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