

COVER SHEET FOR ATS BUSING CONTRACT

April 20, 2021

TOPIC/ AGENDA ITEM:

2021-22 PCHS School Bus Program Scholarship Funding Vote

PERSONNEL INVOLVED:

Don Parcell – Director of Operations

ISSUES INVOLVED/FISCAL IMPLICATIONS (IF ANY):

Many of our students that could utilize/benefit the PCHS Family-Paid School Bus Program each year are in challenging financial situations that make it difficult to afford the PCHS School Bus cost (\$230/Month for 2021-22). Each year in Spring Semester we have families seeking financial assistance for busing costs (bus scholarships) to apply for a scholarship to help us determine a families Demonstrated Financial Need. Based on the degree of Demonstrated Financial Need, and the available PCHS School Bus Scholarship Funding, we allocate the scholarship funds in as equity a manner as we can to the deserving applicants.

IMPACT ON SCHOOL MISSION, VISION OR GOALS, (IF ANY):

Assists in enabling some students to attend PCHS from farther away locations, or for families that have all household adults working, which often facilitates PCHS Culture and Diversity.

OPTIONS OR SOLUTIONS:

The Transportation Department, with the Budget & Finance Committee's recommendation, is seeking Board of Trustees approval of \$182,000 of funding for 2021-22 Bus Scholarships. This will allow students who otherwise may not be able to attend PCHS to do so. Greater reliance on students taking Public Transportation is an alternative option available to families/students, though not an ideal one in terms of shortening commute time or student safety.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/PRINCIPAL'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Director/Principal recommends the Board of Trustees approve the proposed \$182,000 of Bus Scholarship funding for the 2021-22 school year to help provide additional and safer options for students in geographically diverse locations to attend PCHS.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

I make a motion to approve the proposed 2021-22 PCHS School Bus Scholarship funding of \$182,000.
