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To: Chief School Administrators

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Revised 2022-2023 Maximum Expenditure for Nonpublic School Transportation

Pursuant to the 2022-2023 Appropriations Act, the maximum allowable per student expenditure for nonpublic school transportation for the 2022-2023 school year is \$1,022, or a daily rate of \$5.67 (\$1,022 divided by 180). The daily rate applies when the student's application is received after the start of school or when the student withdraws from the nonpublic school before the close of the school year.

Renewed contracts and bid contracts awarded prior to July 1, 2022 are binding and cannot be increased because of the new maximum. Bid contracts that were not previously awarded because they exceeded \$1,000 per pupil may be awarded if they were bid within \$1,022 per pupil. Likewise, contracts that were not renewed because of the \$1,000 per-pupil limit may be renewed if the growth is within the Consumer Price Index (1.91%) and does not exceed \$1,022 per pupil. If transportation cannot be provided, parents are entitled to \$1,022 as aid-in-lieu of transportation.

This serves as a reminder that each resident district board of education that provides transportation to remote public school students is required to provide transportation services to eligible nonpublic school students. In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:27-2.3(b), the parents of each nonpublic school student and the nonpublic school administrator shall be notified by the district board of education as to the determination of each application for nonpublic school transportation by **August 1** of each year.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please email student.trans@doe.nj.gov.

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