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- We would like to simply say **THANK YOU** to everyone that supported and participated in the process to nominate our next FRES principal! The investment our community members, school board, teachers, and district administrators made to ensure that we select the best candidate for our school community is recognized and commended.
- I am pleased to report that we currently have only two **teaching positions open**. An offer was extended to our high school PE candidate, but unfortunately, she took another position closer to her home. I am hopeful that an offer to our 7th grade Science/Social Studies candidate will be accepted today!
- Here is an outline of our proposal to **purchase a transport van**:

We would like your approval to purchase a transportation van after July 1st, for special education transportation at one of our out-of-district placements. The cost of the van, plus school transportation upgrades, is estimated at \$45,000 to \$60,000. This expenditure would come out of our special education transportation line. The offset savings would be the current \$48,000 allocated for this particular school placement (\$265 daily cost)

We are currently working with an adjacent school district to transport on the same van to the same school placement. While this arrangement has not been finalized, even billing them at 50% would provide the district approximately \$23,000 in transportation revenue

Our students and their families will benefit from the consistency of having one driver who will provide a more personalized service than a bus company who may randomly assign drivers. Some of our students have trouble riding the bus and knowing their driver will greatly assist them getting to school.

While there will be upfront costs in the purchase of the van as well as training, operator costs, and inspection of the van to operate, ultimately, even with required maintenance and wear/tear, this is a potential cost saving move for the district, particularly in the subsequent years.

Additionally, the transport van will be available for use in our co-curricular and athletic programs once the daily need for special education use is completed, with the expectation that we will accrue additional cost savings in our overall transportation costs.

If approved, we will continue to finalize the details of this decision to ensure that we have framed the estimated costs/benefits accurately. If there are significant changes or adjustments, we will present the information to you at our next August board meeting for your review and consideration prior to moving forward with this purchase.

- On behalf of our district administrative team, I want to sincerely **thank the school board and community** for all the support given to our students, staff, and schools this school year. I am proud that we are continuously improving and making progress on our goals for academic achievement and positive school culture. Our students and staff have worked so hard! I see this in my observations, and I hear it from students, staff, and community members. I am appreciative of what we have accomplished, and I am incredibly excited at the direction we are headed. Again, thank you for all your support. We had a terrific school year!