



TOWN OF FRANKLIN

TOWN COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO.: 19-07

APPROPRIATION: SPED Van FY19

AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$ 56,446.65

WHEREAS the Capital Subcommittee and the Finance Committee previously authorized the purchase of a SPED Van from an alternative capital project account until funds were available; and **WHEREAS** Free Cash is now certified and identified as the funding source, it is now requested that the Town Council vote the sum of \$56,446.65 be transferred from Free Cash to account number 01950416 589028 58422 Parking Lot Improvements R16-23.

FINANCE COMMITTEE ACTION

Meeting Date: 1/15/19 Vote: 7-0

Recommended Amount: \$56,446.65

MOTION

Be It Moved and Voted by the Town Council that the sum of Fifty-six Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Six Dollars and Sixty-Five Cents (\$56,446.65) be transferred from Free Cash to account number 01950416 589028 58422 Parking Lot Improvements R16-23.

DATED: _____, 2019

VOTED:

UNANIMOUS _____

YES _____ NO _____

ABSTAIN _____

ABSENT _____

A True Record Attest:

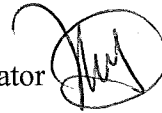
Teresa M. Burr
Town Clerk

Glenn Jones, Clerk
Franklin Town Council

**Franklin Public Schools
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To: Sara E. Ahern, Ed. D., Superintendent of Schools
Jeff Nutting, Town Administrator

From: Miriam A. Goodman, School Business Administrator



Date: August 27, 2018

Re: Need for Additional Van

Attached you will find a quote for \$55,452 for the purchase of an additional wheelchair van to transport some of our neediest students from home to their neighborhood school as required by law.

Currently the district has a single wheelchair van that can accommodate only two wheelchairs per route. Our student population requiring wheelchair transport is in excess of this at this time, and as such, we have contracted with VanPool to transport the students we are unable to accommodate. This is at a cost of \$225 per diem and will typically run for an extended school year of 200 days for an annual cost of \$45,000. Making an investment in a new van and hiring a driver would be an additional cost up front, but, over time, with additional students moving through grade levels, this van, and the cost of a driver will certainly be less than \$225 per diem. Over the next five years, we anticipate we will be transporting at minimum four students at the secondary level and one student at the elementary level in wheelchairs.

At this time, we are limited to transporting only two students at a time at the secondary level and two at the elementary level. The additional van would increase our capacity to transport up to five students in wheelchairs at a given time.

Additionally, over the summer we enrolled at least six new students in our in-district specialized programs that will require transportation, and these additional seats would be helpful as our programs enrollments increase. This additional van is able to transport up to nine students on a non-wheelchair route.

Thank you for your consideration to fund this request.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you.