

Addendum #1

RFP #WRESA-48-2026-2027-04 EARLY CHILDHOOD TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Questions and Answers

Q.1. Section 1.3 Scope of Work states that services shall include daily student transportation using black and yellow school buses, and Section 1.3.1 C.1 states that all transportation must be provided using traditional black and yellow school buses. Can Wayne RESA confirm whether any vans of any kind are permitted to transport students for these services?

A.1. Wayne RESA confirms that vans are not permitted; only yellow and black school buses are allowed.

Q.2. Are interview dates scheduled and/or will there be interviews?

A.2. The Evaluation Team will determine whether interviews are necessary after the proposals have been received, reviewed, and scored.

Q.3. Is the service area for these routes in the Inkster area? Is that where all student pickups for the schools are?

A.3. Yes, that is correct.

Q.4. Since a contract decision would like to be made by September 1st, would the routes start at the beginning of the next school year? Or is there a different timeline for that?

A.4. The routes will start in September for the next school year. Please see the attached 2026-2027 GSRP Calendar for the Wayne RESA Early Childhood Center.

Q.5. Concerning SLAs and performance standards, are the monthly meetings required to be held in person, or can they be conducted virtually?

A.5. Virtual meetings are acceptable.

Q.6. Concerning routing, is routing completed by Wayne RESA, or is the contractor responsible for that?

A.6. Wayne RESA will provide input and some instructions on routing, however, the contractor will mainly be responsible for the routing.

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Q.7. What school will these GSRP students be transported to and from?

A.7. Wayne RESA Early Childhood Center 29115 Carlyle St. Inkster, MI 48141

Q.8. Will Wayne RESA remain the sole contact for this operation, or will there be school entities also involved?

A.8. Wayne RESA will remain the sole contact for this operation.

Q.9. Is there a maximum time limit for how long students are on the bus according to Wayne RESA's policies?

A.9. 30 minutes.

Q.10. Does Wayne RESA have a preference for the style of CSRS utilized on the buses?

A.10. Wayne RESA does not have a style preference. Please review the MDE advisory (attached) and review the NHTSA (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration) recommendations. Each child must be transported in a Child Safety Restraint System (appropriate for the child's weight and age) that meets applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSSs). The Child Safety Restraint System should be properly secured to the school bus seat, using anchorages that meet FMVSSs. A Child Safety Restraint System is any device (except a passenger system lap seat belt or lap/shoulder seat belt), designed for use in a motor vehicle to restrain, seat, or position a child who weighs less than 50 pounds.

Q.11. Is the contractor expected to cover the expense for the CSRS, or will Wayne RESA cover the expense? Or does Wayne RESA want this expense made part of the proposal cost structure?

A.11. Please include the cost for CSRS in Attachment A – Pricing.

Q.12. Are these GSRP students currently being transported in another fashion? Or is this a completely new service being offered in this market area?

A.12. This is a new service.

Q.13. If this service is already being provided, what is the reason for the change to this RFP?

A.13. This is a new service.

Q.14. What is the expectation for the Statewide Cooperative Contract arrangement?

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A.14. A Statewide Cooperative Contract is generally expected to provide best value, competitive pricing, broad accessibility, and administrative efficiency for public entities across the state. The intent is to eliminate the need for multiple public entities to conduct their own solicitations for this same service and utilize this cooperative contract.

Q.15. Regarding RFP Section 1.12 Price Assurance - Is Wayne RESA asking for the pricing to remain the same for the entire length of the contract? Up to 5 years with the option years?

A.15. Section 1.12 Price Assurance means the successful vendor is promising that Wayne RESA and all participating agencies will receive the vendor's lowest available pricing for the services covered by the contract. This means the vendor cannot knowingly offer another comparable customer or cooperative contract better pricing while Wayne RESA is paying more.

Q.16. When does Wayne RESA expect to decide on submitted proposals?

A.16. Wayne RESA expects to have a final decision made by Monday, August 3, 2026.

Q.17. When will Wayne RESA have strong estimates of the program ridership for routes that are being built?

A.17. Attendance will be finalized before the first day of school, by Friday, September 4th, 2026. Routes will be built based on enrollment at that time. There may be children added to the roster up until February 2027.

Q.18. Were these routes contracted with another provider during the 2025/26 school year? If so, can the contract and rate sheet be shared?

A.18. This is a new service.

Q.19. Does Wayne RESA supply the child restraint systems, or is that to be provided by the contractor?

A.19. This must be provided by the contractor.

Q.20. Are route sheets available from the previous school year that can be shared? If not, could the estimated daily mileage per route and the estimated daily route hours be shared?

A.20. No. This is a new service. There is no way to determine daily mileage as children are still being enrolled. There will be 1-2 routes. The City of Inkster, Michigan covers about 6.25 square miles in total area.

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Q.21. Will transportation services be provided to a single Early Childhood Center in Inkster, or will service be required at multiple locations? Can you share the names of the centers and school calendars?

A.21. Transportation for daily service will be to/from a single location, Wayne RESA Early Childhood Center 29115 Carlisle St. Inkster, MI 48141. Transportation will also be offered for field trips. Please see the attached 2026-2027 GSRP Calendar for the Wayne RESA Early Childhood Center.

Q.22. How many field trips/special event trips are expected next school year? If available, can estimated mileage and trip hours be shared?

A.22. There will be 0 field trips requiring transportation for the 26/27 school year. This information is yet to be determined for future years.

Q.23. The pricing worksheet includes Type A, B, C, and D school buses. Are bidders expected to provide pricing for all vehicle types, or may bidders submit pricing only for the vehicle types they intend to offer under this contract?

A.23. Bidders may submit pricing only for the vehicle types they intend to offer under this contract.

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Advisory Practice and Guideline

Pre-school Children Transportation Considerations

In order to strengthen safety for pre-school children that are transported on school buses, it is recommended that each local and intermediate school district, in coordination with contracted pupil transportation providers, if applicable, develop policies and procedures for transporting pre-school children to and from their programs. It is recommended that the following be taken into consideration when transporting pre-school children to and from their programs:

1. Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Licensing Rules for Child Care Centers – Part 4 Transportation Provisions Rules R 400.8701 – R 400.8770 are strongly recommended to be reviewed and complied with.
2. When pre-school children arrive at school, home, or other designated drop off point they should be received by a staff member, parent, or another responsible person as designated by the parent.
3. Pre-school children shall enter or leave the school bus from the curbside unless the vehicle is in a protected parking area or driveway or be assisted by a responsible adult.
4. Pre-school children shall be physically assisted when entering or leaving the school bus.
5. Pre-school children shall never be left unattended at any drop off point.
6. Procedures should be developed which identify actions school bus drivers should take if there is not an appropriate person to receive a pre-school child at the drop off point.
7. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, NHTSA, Child Safety Restraint Systems on School Buses, indicates school bus compartmentalization does not provide adequate protection for pre-school children. NHTSA recommends pre-school children riding on school buses be restrained in appropriate age, height, and weight Child Safety Restraint Systems.

Student safety is a top priority of Michigan Department of Education. The Michigan Department of Education, upon the recommendation of the Pupil Transportation Advisory Committee, recommends the implementation of this practice for all pupil transportation providers.

Wayne RESA Early Childhood Center 2026-2027 GSRP Calendar

Families

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September 2026	
September 2–4	GSRP Closed for Home Visits
September 2	Family Orientation PM (5:00-7:00)
September 7	GSRP Closed—Labor Day
September 8	First Day of GSRP/Assessment Period #1 Begins
September 17	Curriculum Night PM
September 25	GSRP Closed for Staff Professional Development

October 2026: No days off for GSRP

November 2026	
November 3	GSRP Closed for Staff Professional Development
November 13	Assessment Period #1 Ends
November 16	GSRP Closed for Staff Professional Development
November 17	Assessment Period #2 Begins
November 25–27	GSRP Closed Non Working Week Days

December 2026	
December 3–4	GSRP Closed for Family Conferences
December 10	Family Partnership Group Meeting—PM
December 21–January 1	GSRP Closed for Winter Break

January 2027	
January 4	GSRP Resumes
January 18	GSRP Closed—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 29	GSRP Closed for Staff Professional Development

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February 2027	
February 26	Assessment Period #2 Ends

March 2027	
March 1	Assessment Period #3 Begins
March 4	Family Partnership Group Meeting—PM
March 29–April 2	GSRP Closed for Spring Break

April 2027	
April 5	GSRP Resumes
April 23	GSRP Closed for Staff Professional Development

May 2027	
May 21	Assessment Period #3 Ends
May 26–28	GSRP Closed for Home Visits
May 31	GSRP Closed for Memorial Day

June 2027	
June 3	Family Partnership Group Meeting—PM
June 11	Last Day for GSRP Students

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