

Plainville Public Schools, School Bus Transportation Services

Questions Submitted by Durham School Services, 2/8/21

On page 1, the specs state that the bid will be rec'd at the Plainville Sup't office, while the other Norfolk specs state that all 4 bids will be rec'd at Norfolk. Please clarify.

Answer: **Bids are to be received at the Plainville Public Schools Superintendent's office**

Page 2 provides a deadline for question, and states answers will be issues by March 1. With the bid due on March 5, the interval between answers and the due date is very tight. Please consider answering questions as they are asked.

Answer: **Questions received will be answered as soon as possible**

Item 18 on page 4 states that Plainville 'will consider' a fuel adjustment clause. In order to properly prepare a bid, we need to know if this clause will actually be part of the contract, or not.

Answer: **No, the fuel adjustment clause will not be part of the contract**

Item 21 on page 5 asks for a list of all contracts for the past 5 years. For a national contractor, this is an extensive list. Would the District accept references from just MA, or New England?

Answer: **References from MA would be most relevant, but will accept references from New England**

Item 27 on page 6 refers to the Districts right to replace any driver. Please consider adding the following language:

"Any request to remove a driver from service under the agreement shall be in writing, with the reasons stated therein, and shall not be in violation of any federal, state or local law."

Answer: **Considered**

Item 48 on page 9 states that 'twelve (10) buses' will be used. Please clarify.

Answer: **Ten (10) buses**

The District website indicates that bell times are 8:50 – 3:00. As KPRSD is clearly considering changes to its bell times, is Norfolk considering any changes over the term of this coming contract?

Answer: **Plainville is not considering any changes to its bell times**

We'd like to request a copy of the current contract between the District and W T Holmes.

Answer: **It will be emailed**

Does Holmes have a full roster of regularly assigned drivers for all routes? And do they have a full complement of sitting spare drivers? Are the drivers' members of a union, and, if so, which one?

Answer: **Holmes does have regularly assigned drivers for all routes and they have substitute drivers. Not known if drivers belong to a Union.**