

To: Finance & Operations Committee/Board of Education
From: Sequella H. Coleman, Director of Student Transfers and Transportation
Date: August 19, 2025
Re: **Plans for CT Transit bus pass distribution for 2025-26 School Year**

The purpose of this memo is to address questions about the CT Transit Bus Pass distribution for 2025-26 School Year and updates on Electric Bus Grant.

During the 2024-2025 school year we received \$175, 000 from a state grant for CT transit. We distributed 18,711 CT transit cards - 7,928 10 ride cards and 10,783 2 hour cards. These cards were distributed to all high school and some supervisors for after school activities; getting to jobs; Sound School general transportation they do not have regular busing; World Language field trip; return home ride from College courses; youth parents; Gateway to College, BioCity, Match and program "other pathway" classes; returns home and other situations.

For the 2025-2026 school year we plan to continue the same process of administrators signing out the cards with the Transportation Department and students sign out the cards within their buildings.

Update on Electric Bus Grant

First Student applied for the 2024 Clean School Bus (CSB) Rebate Program Electric Utility Partnership Template in October of 2024. (I received an update from Kevin Matthews, Head of Electrification. They have met with EPA and are awaiting a decision of funding awards.)

First Student is also working on the infrastructure issue – where the buses will be charged is a solution to be resolved.

I will continue to update the committee as progress occurs.