

**IPSWICH PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
TOWN OF IPSWICH, MASSACHUSETTS  
July 2, 2026**

**ADDENDUM TO INVITATION TO BID (IFB)  
FOR REGULAR SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION, ATHLETIC TRIPS AND SCHOOL CHARTERS  
dated June 18, 2026**

Under the provisions of IFB Section 17, allowing for questions, clarifications and addendums to be made to the IFB, the below points of information are being posted and are to be considered an Addendum to the IFB and incorporated as an official part of the full IFB, effective July 2, 2026.

**Clarification on Sections 3.3, 3.4 and 3.5: Scope of Service (page 14):** The School District seeks competitive bids to provide two types of school transportation bus service, that are broken out as two parts and may be bid as two parts: Part I is for regular day transportation, round trip home to school routes and Part II is for regular school athletic trips, mostly but not always after school hours, and field trip or other trips being called charters, which may be during school hours, nights or weekends. Interested bidders may submit separate bids under Part I, or Part II or both.

**Revision and clarification on Section 3.8: Electric School Buses (page 16):** Section 3.8.1 referencing the EPA Grant program on Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles is being deleted and omitted altogether. Section 3.8 numbering will remain as published in the IFB with Section 3.8.1 being stricken, but Section 3.8.2 remaining in reference to the number of electric buses to be converted, Section 3.8.3 remains intact, and so on.

**Another Revision and clarification on Section 3.8: Electric School Buses (page 16):** Section 3.8.2 referencing the number of electric buses to be introduced into use in Ipswich during the contract period shall be revised by replacing the number of eleven (11) electric buses with the number of eight (8) electric buses. All other parts of this section remain as stated in the IFB.

**Revision to Section 4.16: Bid Conditions for Performance Requirements (page 20):** The annual requirements to submit data on all bus drivers is being revised by deleting the requirement to submit results from any Tuberculin exam. Item #9 of the 10 listed requirements for driver data is no longer required.

**New information to be shared regarding ongoing planning for a new elementary school.** This information is shared as background to an active community planning effort but not being added to the IFB requiring a response. The Ipswich Public Schools are in the beginning stages of an MSBA approved construction project for a new elementary school to be likely built on the campus of the Paul F Doyon Memorial Elementary Schools. As this school building project evolves

possibilities exists that might impact bus routes both during this contract term and thereafter. It is not anticipated that the new school will be on line during this contract term, but the School Committee is discussing reconfiguring grades levels in the two current elementary schools that may come about during this contract term. One such scenario under consideration would be to have grades PreK to 2 in one building and grades 3 to 5 in the other. Under this scenario, both schools would become town wide schools with student populations no longer bound by school catchment areas or neighborhoods. Ipswich Public Schools anticipates that such a grade reconfiguration change may have an impact on bus routes, school start times, and the number of buses needed to serve the Town.

Any such change to bus routes would be allowed under the terms of this IFB in Section 4.21, 4.26, 4.27, and 4.28 among others.

End of Addendum

Signed:



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