



# CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

IN THE YEAR TWO-THOUSAND AND TWENTY-SIX

## ORDER OF COUNCILOR MURPHY

**ORDERED:** That under the provisions of Section 17F of Chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948, as amended, and any other applicable provision of law, Her Honor, the Mayor, be, and hereby is, requested to obtain and deliver to the City Council, within one week of the receipt hereof, the following information:

Information regarding Boston Public Schools' school bus auto liability insurance coverage, including the non-renewal of the prior policy, the procurement of a new insurance provider, and all related safety, claims, and cost data.

This request follows testimony provided during the April 1, 2026 Boston City Council Ways and Means hearing, where questions were raised regarding the non-renewal of Boston Public Schools transportation liability insurance and the transition to a new insurer.

### **Specifically, the Council requests:**

The name of the prior insurer and the current insurer providing school bus auto liability coverage.

Copies of any notices of non-renewal, cancellation, or correspondence from the prior insurer explaining the reasons coverage was not renewed.

The effective dates of both the prior and current insurance policies.

Documentation confirming whether there was any lapse in coverage, and if not, records demonstrating continuity of coverage.

A detailed explanation of all reasons provided by the prior insurer for declining to renew coverage, including but not limited to accident frequency, claim frequency, claim severity, driver safety concerns, training deficiencies, preventable accident history, or operational issues.

Copies of any risk assessments, safety audits, loss control reports, or recommendations issued by the prior insurer from January 1, 2023 to present.

The total number of claims related to Boston Public Schools transportation for each year from July 1, 2023 to present.

The total dollar value of claims, including paid and reserved losses, during that same period.

A breakdown of claims by category, including bodily injury, pedestrian incidents, vehicle collisions, property damage, and student-related injuries.

The total number of preventable and non-preventable accidents for each year, and the criteria used to classify such incidents.

The number of drivers involved in multiple preventable incidents during that period.

A comparison of the prior and current insurance policies, including premiums, deductibles or self-insured retention, coverage limits, exclusions, and any changes in terms or conditions.

The total projected cost of the current insurance coverage for Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027, including all associated costs.

A description of any operational or safety changes implemented by Boston Public Schools or its transportation vendor in response to insurer concerns, including changes to driver training, safety protocols, supervision, or oversight.

Copies of communications between Boston Public Schools, its transportation vendor, insurance brokers, and insurers related to non-renewal, claims history, safety concerns, and procurement of new coverage from January 1, 2024 to present.

Information regarding any additional requirements, conditions, or oversight measures imposed by the current insurer as part of the new policy.

Information regarding whether Boston Public Schools anticipates any challenges in renewing the current policy in future years.

Information regarding whether the current insurance policy is more costly, more restrictive, or less favorable than the prior policy, and in what specific ways.

Requesting that Boston Public Schools, through the Mayor, provide any and all information available regarding this matter, including summary tables and electronically usable data where possible.

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