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PATERSON ANNOUNCES OUTCOMES OF SCHOOL BUS HEARING

PATERSON, New Jersey, October 16, 2017 – In response to a lawsuit filed by US Student bus company against Paterson Public Schools, a special hearing was conducted on Thursday, October 11th. As a result of this hearing, the district and US Student have agreed to the following:

- Dale Avenue bus route (which was involved in two incidents) will no longer be handled by US Student – worth \$38,911;
- US Student will be fined \$38,911 for the issues related to the two incidents on the above route;
- Two additional routes will no longer be handled by US Student – one worth \$43,200 and the other worth \$41,811; and
- US Student cannot submit any bids for additional bus routes with the district in the 2017-2018 school year; and the company is under a “last chance” agreement to have the ability to continue to do business with the school district.

The total penalties for US Student bus company are \$162,833. The district plans to award new bids for the above routes as A1 Elegant bus company has removed itself from bidding on these specific routes.

Acting Superintendent Eileen Shafer commented, “I want to assure our parents and guardians that I take safety matters very seriously and I stand firm on my stance that our bus companies must follow all proper procedures. We cannot jeopardize the safety of our children; and while I must abide with this decision, I plan to closely monitor all of our transportation activities.”

About Paterson Public Schools

Paterson Public Schools is the second largest school district in New Jersey with over 28,000 students from pre-k through grade 12. The district’s mission is to prepare all children for college and career...together we can! For more information, visit www.paterson.k12.nj.us

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