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MEMORANDUM

TO: Thomas Golden, City Manager 

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CC: Lisa Golden, Director Health and Human Services

DATE: March 14, 2023

Subject: Motion Response: 2/7/2023 C. Robinson Req City Mgr Work with Proper Department
Identify potential improvements to Youth Transportation to bolster programming similar to LPD Lowell Youth Service program

Currently Lowell Recreation partners with the Lowell Public schools on summer programs. Part of this offering includes the School Department busing summer school participants to an extended day program in the parks. Listed below are the park locations and feeder schools. Transportation is provided to the summer school morning program and then to the extended day program at the park. Transportation is not provided home. At dismissal of the extended day program no transportation is provided home from the park.

Park Location	Feeder Schools
Highlands park/Daley School Site	Daley, Bailey, and Washington Schools
Gage Park	Robinson, McAuliffe, and Greenhalge Schools
Morey School	Morey School, STEM Academy, Lincoln School
Shedd Park	Moody, Butler, Shaughnessy, Reilly, & Sullivan Schools
Wang School	Wang, Pawtucketville Memorial, and McAvinnue Schools

All Citywide school participants can choose their location and will be transported as necessary.

In discussions with both the LPD and the Lowell Public Schools many issues around transportation came up. LPS provides transportation for the LPD Ironstone Farm horseback riding program. This is provided as it is in Andover and it makes it more available for Lowell Residents. This is the only transportation provided for an LPD program. The School Department noted many obstacles with summer transportation especially including a lack of bus drivers, cost per day of buses, number of buses needed, and an increased cost if a Special Education bus is needed.

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