



Blount County Budget Committee Memo

TO: Blount County Commissioners


FROM: Blount County Schools

DATE: April 21, 2026

RE: Budget Transfer - SPED Transportation and OT/PT Services

1. Proposal (what is the new item/service being requested) The State auditor directed BCS to shift all transportation funding from fund 142 (federal) to fund 141 until a formal RFP process for transportation services is completed. Expenses totaling the same amount must be shifted from fund 141 to fund 142 in order for 141 to absorb the additional cost .The State approved an amendment in fund 142 swapping transportation funds for OT/PT and portion of IA salaries.
2. Current Operations (how are operations without the request and impact if not funded) If we continue to pay for transportation services with federal funds we risk a repeat audit finding with the State and potentially a single audit finding which could affect federal funding.
3. Impact if funded (provide summary if the request is approved) BCS staff and the Purchasing Agent recently began working with a consultant on drafting an RFP for transportation services. This is an extensive process that will take place throughout the 2026 fall and winter months. The target time frame for posting the RFP is sometime at the beginning of 2027. This timeframe will allow BCS to build the 27-28 budget around the new contracts.

Budget Impact	
Original Budget	\$ 6,151,465.00
Amendment Impact	\$ 725,000.00
Proposed Revised Budget	\$ 6,876,465.00


Signature from Department Head/Elected (or designee)

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