

April 18, 2024

Dear Members of the Board,

This is a request for approval to attend the **2024 Student Transportation News (STN) Conference and Trade Show, presented by School Transportation News**. The conference takes place on July 12-17, 2024 at the Peppermill Resort in Reno, Nevada. Hundreds of student transportation professionals nationwide will converge to take advantage of the event's mantra – **School Bus Passenger Safety and Training** - providing a true one-stop educational experience.

During the five-day event, student transportation professionals will connect and learn how to improve operations and safety for their transportation teams. The trade show showcases the latest in training, products and services. The MDUSD Transportation Staff will arrive on the evening on July 11, 2024 and begin the conference in the morning of July 12, 2024 and will continue sessions through July 17, 2024.

**TSD Conference registration includes:**

- **Conference Pass** – Access to all keynotes, educational sessions and workshops.
- **Trade Show** – 105 exhibitors featuring a wide range of student transportation products, solutions and services.
- **Catered Networking Event** – Ability to connect with 500+ student transportation stakeholders.
- **Post-Event Resources** – Access to download dozens of speaker presentations from the official conference mobile app.

Six MDUSD Transportation employees are planning to attend the School Bus Passenger Safety and Training focused keynotes and workshops which directly relate to MDUSD's School Bus Driver instruction and training and department logistics. The topics covered will benefit the Transportation Department's job functions.

Estimated cost breakdown to attend the 2024 STN Conference for six (6) employees:

Registration fee:	[\$499.00 + \$5 processing fee] = \$3,024.00
Airfare:	[\$0]
Hotel:	[\$5065.40]
Transportation:	[\$683.40]
Meals:	[\$1892.00]
Total cost:	<b>[\$10,664.80]</b>

Following the conference, our staff plans to share the key insights they have learned with their colleagues. The attendance at the 2024 STN EXPO Conference is a wise investment that will bring considerable value to our organization. In addition, STN will follow all official government, local authority, relevant health authority, and specific venue guidance and requirements for all health, safety, and protective measures. Rest assured that STN and the Peppermill Resort are committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for all attendees.

Thank you for your consideration,

MDUSD Transportation Department