



October 26, 2020

To: Dr. Josh Swanson  
From: Jason Mutzenberger  
Re: School Bus Purchases

The district is recommending purchasing buses in anticipation of the implementation of Designing Pathways, specifically moving 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to Central Middle School. As discussed during the referendum, there will be a need for eight additional regular education 71 passenger buses.

The district's typical bus purchase cycle begins in January; however, the pandemic has delayed manufacturing which has resulted in new vehicles being delayed. Approval of this purchase now should ensure buses are on site by start of school 2021.

Bus purchases will be made from the state contract, so bidding is not required. The estimated cost of the buses is \$832,000.00. Funding for all 8 of the buses will be provided from the bond referendum as planned.