Lyon County School District
Board Memo

Date: November 17, 2026

To: Board of School Trustees

From: Harman Bains, Executive Director of Operations

Re: Transportation Vehicle Purchase

Recommendation:
The LCSD Board of Trustees approve the acquisition of a 2027 Ram Promaster 2500 Cargo Van in the amount of 48,627.25 to be paid from the Series 2023 bond funds.

Background Information:
The Transportation Department operates one cargo service van equipped for districtwide deliveries. This van carries all light deliveries from the Yerington warehouse to every school and satellite office in the district. It is also the only vehicle that runs school-to-school and interoffice mail. That internal route avoids postage costs the district estimates in the hundreds of thousands of dollars and keeps district correspondence moving without the delays of outside mail service. Because a single vehicle supports every site, any slowdown interrupts the delivery of supplies, materials, and mail across the district.

The current van has more than 95,225 miles. It remains a serviceable cargo van, but it can no longer be relied on for the daily mileage and route demands of districtwide delivery. Replacing it now protects a core service and moves the district away from reactive repairs on a high-mileage vehicle.

The existing van will be reassigned to LCSD Nutrition Services, which has a standing need for a cargo vehicle. The district maintains freezers in every attendance area, and Nutrition Services must move food between sites when a vendor delivery is missed or short, support catering, and respond to other operational needs as they arise. On shorter routes and lower annual mileage, the van will continue to provide useful service and fill that need without the purchase of a second vehicle.

The replacement vehicle is a 2027 Ram ProMaster 2500 Low Roof 136-inch wheelbase cargo van with a 3.6-liter V6 engine and a gross vehicle weight rating of 8,900 pounds. It is configured for delivery work with the storage, safety, convenience, and power option groups, rear hinged doors with fixed windows, a full-size spare tire, rear assist handles, a rear backup alarm, and two additional keys. It carries a manufacturer warranty of 3 years or 36,000 miles comprehensive and 5 years or 100,000 miles powertrain. Pricing is through State of Nevada contract 99SWC-S3138, which the district may use under NRS 332.195 without a separate competitive solicitation.

Purchase approval protects a service every school and office relies on daily, extends the useful life of an existing district asset, and strengthens Nutrition Services' ability to keep meal service running across all attendance areas.

Budget Considerations:
The total purchase price is $48,627.25, consisting of a base price of $44,200.00, factory options totaling $4,399.00, and the State of Nevada title fee of $28.25. The purchase will be funded from Series 2023 Bond Funds.

The reassignment of the existing van to Nutrition Services requires no additional expenditure.

Discussed at Previous Meeting:
N/A

Attachment(s):
2027 Ram Promaster Cargo Van quote