

# BOARD AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

ARGYLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



<b>BOARD MEETING DATE:</b>	March 23, 2026
<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>	Retrofitting Buses with Seatbelts
<b>AGENDA LOCATION:</b>	Information Only ▾
<b>PRESENTER TITLE &amp; NAME:</b>	Tommy Ledford and Brady Bell
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	Operations
<b>PRIORITY FOCUS AREA:</b>	Student Experience ▾

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

With the passage of **Texas Senate Bill 546**, school districts are required to equip school buses with 3-point seatbelts and achieve full fleet compliance by September 1, 2029.

This legislation requires districts to evaluate their current transportation fleets and report to the **Texas Education Agency** the number of buses equipped with 3-point seatbelts, 2-point seatbelts, and those without seatbelts.

In accordance with TEA requirements, the district will present its fleet data to the Board of Trustees, and the Board must take formal action by the end of the 2025–2026 school year.

As part of this process, the Board will consider the following key questions:

- Does the district have the financial capacity to replace all buses that currently lack seatbelts with new compliant buses?
- Does the district have the financial capacity to retrofit all existing buses without seatbelts?
- Based on current and projected budgets, how many buses can the district reasonably replace or retrofit while maintaining fiscal responsibility?

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After reviewing each bus for age, condition, structural suitability, and remaining service life, our transportation department recommends retrofitting six (6) buses that currently do not have seatbelts.

This recommendation aligns compliance planning with long-term fleet management and responsible budget stewardship.

## **BUDGETARY IMPACT & FUNDING SOURCE**

The cost to retrofit one bus is approximately \$42,900. To retrofit six of them, the cost would be \$257,400

## **ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION**

*(Only complete if it is a consent or action item)*

## **MOTION**

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