

**Dunlap Community Unit School District 323**  
**Board of Education Meeting**  
**September 24, 2025**

**INFORMATION ITEM**

**TO:** Members of the Board of Education  
Dr. Scott Dearman, Superintendent

**FROM:** Dr. Scott Adreon, Director of Operations & Services

**SUBJECT:** Purchase of additional buses/support vehicles for the 26-27 School Year

**INFORMATION:**

Each year Dunlap C.U.S.D #323 tries to keep our transportation fleet in good working order by replacing a portion of our fleet. We have over 70 buses and fleet vehicles to maintain. Our practical goal would be to replace 6 or 7 vehicles each year to ensure that none are more than 10 years old. This year we propose that the school district secure the following for the 2025-2026 school year from Blue Bird Bus sales:

(2) New 2026 Blue Bird 84-Passenger All-American Transit Buses

Cost: \$170,000 per bus

\*\* Cost includes delivery, preparation, lettering, inspection, title and license

(1) New 2026 Bluebird Conventional 77-Passenger

Cost: \$150,000 per bus

\*\* Cost includes delivery, preparation, lettering, inspection, title and license

(2) Service Truck for Building Maintenance and Tech Dept. (Current has 215,000 miles)

Budget Cost: \$55,000 per vehicle

(1) Fleet Vehicles for Student Transportation

Budget Cost: \$44,000 per vehicle (Chevy Traverse)

Total Proposed Expenditure for the 6 Vehicles = \$644,000 of which approximately 64% (Excluding Service Truck Purchases will be reimbursed to the district over the next five years.