



Livonia Public Schools

District Services

Date: December 1, 2022

To: Andrea Oquist, Superintendent

From: Phillip Francis, Assistant Superintendent of District Services
Alison Smith, Chief Financial Officer

Re: Purchase of School Buses – 2021 Bond

I would like to discuss a recommendation to purchase seven buses at the December 5, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting. The Transportation Supervisor, Fleet Garage Supervisor, Chief Financial Officer, and I have worked together to recommend this purchase using 2021 Bond funding. We are proposing the purchase of two propane-fueled, 77 passenger buses, two gas-fueled 77 passenger buses, and three special needs 30 passenger buses.

This purchase is part of the ongoing effort to keep our bus fleet up-to-date and moving towards cleaner energy options. We also continue to work on reducing the number of buses in our fleet; keeping an appropriate number of spare buses so we are never short of working vehicles, but also balancing that need with avoiding keeping more buses than required to move students.

This proposed purchase would take place through the Michigan School Business Officials (MSBO) bus purchasing program which fulfills the District's purchasing requirements. Attached are quotes: one for two gasoline buses, one for two propane buses, and the other for three special needs buses. Three companies are quoted, but only Holland sells Bluebird buses, which is the only bus in the District fleet. Additionally, Bluebird is the manufacturer who is in partnership with Ford and Roush to build CleanTech propane buses, which we previously purchased. The total cost for this recommended purchase is \$757,424.00.

Please include this item on the agenda. Thank you.

Attachment

c: Board of Education

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