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Board Action Required

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To: Coppell ISD Board of Trustees
From: Sid Grant
Date: March 18, 2019

cc: Brad Hunt, Diana Sircar, Louis Macias, Justin Hill, Richard Lindell

Re: Purchase of New International School Buses – Bond Project #5

Of the 65 used buses we purchased from Dallas County Schools two years ago, we currently have ten buses that are needing replacement due to age and condition. These buses are all between 17 and 25 years old. We only paid \$3,000 each for these buses from Dallas County Schools, and have utilized them for two years. Plus, we will be able to sell these buses as scrap for their worth in metal and steel.

We are requesting we purchase eight (8) new 77 passenger buses and two (2) 54 passenger special education buses with lifts to be put into service for the 2019-20 school year. Depending on actual student growth and the percentage of student ridership next year, we may need to request additional buses for next school year. This, of course, will not be known until after the start of next school year. These requested ten buses are for replacement only.

The buses requested have the same specifications as the seventeen (17) buses purchased two years ago. They will be 2019 model, International buses with Cummins diesel engines. Each bus is outfitted with the latest safety equipment, including three point shoulder strap seat belts for every passenger and air conditioning. The buses also meet Durham's preferred specifications, including all safety equipment, engine and other equipment.

In order to pay for the eight (8) new 77 passenger buses and two (2) 54 passenger special education buses at a total cost of \$961,910, we recommend using interest income from our first two 2017 bond election sales. We have close to \$2 million in interest income available.

In accordance with Texas State Law 44.031, Subchapter B, and in compliance with TEA purchasing laws, pricing from Longhorn Bus Sales was received via the TASB BuyBoard Purchasing Cooperative. Longhorn Bus Sales submitted the proposal that not only most closely met our and Durham's preferred specifications, but also was the best overall dollar value.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Coppell ISD Board of Trustees approve Longhorn Bus Sales as the vendor to supply eight (8) International 77 passenger and two (2) 54 passenger student school buses at a total cost of \$961,910.