



Gregory-Portland Independent School District

BOARD MEMORANDUM

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DATE: Monday, December 15, 2025

SUBJECT: Discuss and Take Possible Action to Approve the Utilization of Approved Cooperative Vendors to Purchase Regular, Special Education, and Activity Buses relating to BOND 2025

PRIORITIES

PRIORITY 1: EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT PERFORMANCE

1.4 Annually increase student engagement for all students and all student groups.

PRIORITY 2: HIGH PERFORMING AND ENGAGED WORKFORCE

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PRIORITY 3: QUALITY SERVICE AND IMPACTFUL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

3.1 Annually increase the percentage of student satisfaction

PRIORITY 4: EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE DISTRICT AND CAMPUS OPERATIONS

4.1 Annually improve operational processes

4.3 Ensure strategic alignment of resources

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Type: Action

Bond 2025 allocated \$2,000,000 for the purchase of school and activity buses. The District's Transportation Team has evaluated the current fleet and developed the following five-year plan to meet student transportation needs.

Year 1 (Spring 2026):

- Two Regular Education Buses-\$323,600(One already purchased)
- One Special Education Bus- \$176,300
- Two Ultra Coachliner Charter-Style Buses (seat 56) \$927,224

Year 2 (Spring 2027):

- One Regular Education Bus (with anticipated price increase)\$166,800

Year 3 (Spring 2028):

- One Regular Education Bus (with anticipated price increase) \$171,800
- One Special Education Bus (with anticipated price increase) \$186,300

Years 4 and 5

- District needs will be met based on current projections and fleet age/historic performance.

Total \$1,952,024

This plan enables the district to maintain a reliable fleet of daily route buses while transitioning older or higher-mileage buses to the secondary fleet for backup use and for trips that conflict with regular route schedules. Additionally, this plan supports increased usage and number of activity buses for extracurricular trips, further decreasing mileage and usage of route buses.

RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends that the board consider approval of Utilization of Approved Cooperative Vendors to Purchase a total of 5 Regular Education, Special Education and Coachliner Charter Style Buses associated with Year 1 of the proposed plan to utilize Bond 2025 Funding.

FINANCIAL IMPACT AMOUNT AND FUNDING SOURCE (IF APPLICABLE):

The current quotes cumulative total is estimated at \$1,952, 024 for the entire plan. The current year request is for \$1,427,124. This purchase would utilize available Bond 2025 funds approved by voters to purchase School and Activity Buses and allow remaining funding for future purchases.

BOARD RELATED POLICY:

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ACTION ITEM SUGGESTED MOTION (if applicable):

That the Board accepts Administration recommendation to approve Utilization of Approved Cooperative Vendors to purchase a total of 5 Regular Education, Special Education and Coachliner Charter Style Buses relating to BOND 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$1,450,000.