



Livonia Public Schools

District Services

Date: August 12, 2024

To: Andrea Oquist, Superintendent

From: Phillip Francis, Assistant Superintendent of District Services

Re: Bus Purchase

I would like to discuss a recommendation to purchase three buses at the August 12, 2024, Committee of the Whole meeting. The Fleet Garage Supervisor, Chief Financial Officer, and I have worked together to recommend this purchase using partial funds from the 2021 Bond and a grant award from The State of Michigan in the amount of \$170,768. We are proposing the purchase of three propane-fueled buses. Two will be 77-passenger buses, and one will be a 71-passenger special needs bus. This purchase is part of the ongoing effort to keep our bus fleet up-to-date and moving towards cleaner energy options.

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 from three companies, 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 \$452,077, of which, \$170,768 will come from the state grant and the remaining \$281,309 will come from the 2021 Bond.

Please include this item on the agenda. Thank you.

Attachment

c: Board of Education

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