

TO: David Meadows
FROM: Nancy McReynolds
RE: Permission to Purchase School Buses
DATE: May 22, 2012

Please request that the Board acknowledge and agree to purchase six school buses as identified on the Mississippi State Approved List of Buses. Truck Center has offered the six 77 passenger buses at a cost of \$82,975 each. These are brand new but are 2012 models currently on the Truck Center Tupelo site. This is a savings of \$3,000 per bus over the cost of buses purchased in August of 2011. The total cost for all six buses will be \$497,850.

The purchase order will only be sent after the Board gives permission to purchase, after the Superintendent determines that we are ready to buy, and after all documents are completed with the State Transportation Department. In the event that funds are available, the purchase order could be sent during the month of May or early June. Since these buses are in Tupelo now, we should be able to take possession immediately.

If the bus purchase is delayed until next school year, the price could increase and we could have a longer delivery time, if all the buses offered at this price of \$82,975 are already sold and are no longer available to us.