



Livonia Public Schools

District Services

Date: March 13, 2026

To: Andrea Oquist, Superintendent

From: William Green, Assistant Superintendent of Operations and District Services

Re: Purchase of Gator Plow

I would like to request adding an agenda item to the March 16, 2026, Committee of the Whole Meeting to consider the purchase of a Gator equipped with a plow attachment.

Background

The district is responsible for maintaining city sidewalks adjacent to school buildings, along with the bus yard and the areas between buses. At present, staff must use full-size plow trucks with 9-foot blades to clear these narrow pathways. This equipment is not designed for sidewalk-scale work and frequently causes damage to turf and landscaping. Additionally, operating these trucks on unfrozen or soft ground increases wear on the vehicles and leads to avoidable repair costs.

A John Deere Gator outfitted with a 6-foot plow would provide a more suitable and efficient solution. Its smaller size allows for safer and more precise snow removal on sidewalks and tight areas, while reducing the risk of damage to district property and equipment.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the district purchase a Gator and plow attachment from Deere & Company, Cary, NC, through consortium pricing at a total cost of \$36,381.12, to be funded through Capital Funds. This equipment will improve operational efficiency and reduce long-term maintenance impacts.

Please include this item on the March 16, 2026, agenda. Thank you.

Attachments

cc: Board of Education

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