



**Office of Transportation Director**

**Date: January 7, 2025**  
**To: Board of Education**  
**From: Corrinne Karpinski**  
**Re: School Bus Purchase**

**On June 10, 2024, the Board of Education approved the purchase of two (2) new school buses from Holland Bus Company for a cost not to exceed \$276,264 (\$138,312 each).**

**The two buses were ordered on June 11, 2024 and will not be ready for delivery until mid-February 2025, 8 months after the order was placed. At the time of the order, Holland Bus Company ordered two additional buses, identical to our specifications that they were planning to keep as "stock" buses.**

**Recently, I had a meeting with our sales representative expressing my concerns of how long it takes for a bus to be delivered after an order as well as the rising cost of buses. In 2021-22 the cost of 1 bus was \$97,000, that's an increase of 43% in 2 years! Holland Bus Company offered Okemos the opportunity to purchase the two stock buses for the same price of \$138,312 each.**

**After careful consideration, I am recommending the Board approve the purchase of the two stock buses from Holland Bus Company not to exceed \$276,624. These additional buses would be in lieu of the order that would have occurred this Spring. If approved, we would receive all four buses in February. The funds for the bus purchase would come from the 2022 Bond.**

**Thank you,**

**Corrinne Karpinski**  
**Director of Transportation**

## Bus cost comparisons over the past 6 years

2019	\$93,356.00
2021	\$97,000.00
2022	\$124,734.00
2024	\$138,312.00

\*MSBO Bus Purchase program Phase 1 closes 2/14/25. Phase 2 opens again in the Spring. If we were to order the bus with the exact specifications today, the cost of the bus would be \$141,899.00. This does not include the camera cost which would add at least \$4800+ to the total cost (146,699.00).