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To: Board of TrusteesFrom: Dr. Dennis Womack, Chief Operations OfficerDate: February 28, 2022cc: Dr. Brad Hunt

## **RE: Purchase of Student Bus Fleet Replacements**

## Background:

The District has seven (7) buses that will reach or exceed an age of 12-years during this school year, including two (2) Regular Education 77 passenger buses and five (5) Special Education 54 passenger buses. During the June 7, 2021, Board of Trustee workshop, the CISD Board approved a budget of \$1,000,000 from the 2016 Bond Authorization for school bus purchases.

In accordance with Texas Education Code Section 44.031 and Texas Government Code 791 (Interlocal Cooperation Act), pricing from Longhorn Bus Sales was received via the TASB BuyBoard Purchasing Cooperative, contract number 630-20. The cost for the 77 passenger Regular Education buses are \$114,707 each and the 54 passenger Special Education buses are \$110,102 each. Total cost for these buses are \$780,724 and includes an \$800 BuyBoard fee.

All school bus purchases will meet or exceed Texas School Bus Specifications 070-SB-16 and outfitted with the latest safety equipment, including three-point shoulder strap seat belts for every passenger. Buses are model year 2023, IC Corporation with Cummins diesel engines and include air conditioning.

According to Longhorn Bus, ordering the school buses in March 2022 will ensure deliver by August 2022.

## **Recommendation:** Approval to purchase two (2) Regular Education 77 passenger buses and five (5) Special Education 54 passenger buses through the Texas Association of School Boards BuyBoard Purchasing Cooperative, contract #630-20 from Longhorn Bus Sales for the sum of \$780,724.