



La Vernia Independent School District

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Dr. Hensley Cone, Superintendent

Action Agenda Sheet

Date: April 20, 2026

Subject: SB546-89th Legislature Plans 2026-27

Administrator Responsible: Mr. Brandon Mills, Director of Operations, Ms. Belinda Raindl, Chief Financial Officer

A. Purpose of Agenda Item:

Information/Report only	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action needed
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B. District Goal:

3. Ensure Safe, Efficient, and Transparent District and Campus Operations

C. Background: Pursuant to the requirements of Texas Senate Bill 546 (SB 546), Texas school districts must equip school buses with required safety features, including three-point seat belts, by the statutory compliance deadline of September 1, 2029.

Summary: The district has obtained a vendor quote assessing the cost of retrofitting each of LVISD’s 14 buses that fall within applicable SB 546 categories (0, 2, and 3) and are not currently equipped with the required three-point seat belts. Based on the quote received this year, the estimated cost to retrofit each bus is approximately \$29,777; however, this amount is subject to change due to market conditions, vendor pricing adjustments, and age of the buses at the time of replacement. Depending on if all buses will be retrofitted or replaced the cost will range between \$416,881 and \$907,996.

D. Administration Recommendation: I move that the Board of Trustees direct the Superintendent to develop a fiscally responsible plan to retrofit district school buses to achieve compliance, to identify and pursue available grant funding opportunities, and to return to the Board with a recommendation once guidance is provided by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) regarding grant opportunities or other alternative funding sources beyond the use of fund balance.

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CATEGORY OF BUSES	DEFINITION	LV BUS BREAKDOWN (30 buses total) (25 gen ed/5 sped)
0	Buses Already Equipped with Seat Belts	11
2	Buses That Can Be Retrofitted	10
3	Buses That Cannot Be Retrofitted	4

PHASED RETROFITTING TO COMPLY WITH SB 546		
FISCAL YEAR	NUMBER OF SCHOOL BUSES	APPROXIMATE COST
2027	4	\$119,111
2028	5	\$148,885
2029	5	\$148,885 - \$640,000

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