



## **November 2020 - Board Report**

### **School Bus Quote**

- The Transportation Department is currently working on specifications and pricing for new school buses, and we are using the MSBO (Michigan School Business Officials) pricing model. The MSBO program allows school districts to build and put together specifications on school buses, and works with the three major school bus dealers in the state of Michigan to obtain price quotes and estimated time of deliver. The MSBO pricing is available October 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 through July 31<sup>st</sup> 2021, and bus delivery would take place in early spring depending on the date of order.

### **Garage Operations**

- Winter weather is approaching and the garage staff is working with the Operations Department to service/prepare all equipment for the winter weather season. The mechanic is also working hard preparing the bus fleet for winter weather operations, and the annual Michigan State Police bus inspection that will taking place in the near future.
- Drivers have been reminded of the district engine idle policy in an effort to help reduce fuel cost during the winter months.

### **School Safety**

- Department staff have been reminded to make sure their students are following all of the safety precautions that are in place to protect our staff and students against COVID-19.
- With the switch to daylight saving time students are still waiting at bus stops in the dark, and with the winter weather season approaching visibility is also compromised while the buses are on the road. Drivers have been asked to remind the students of the safety procedures at our bus stops.

Respectfully Submitted,

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