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Date: April 21, 2025

To: Board of Education
Dr. Rob Schiffbauer

RE: Bus Lease Bid Recommendation

This year we will be leasing buses for both district 111 and district 201 in preparation for district 111 taking over and providing transportation services to district 201. The district is in need of four (4) 71 passenger buses and two (2) 43 passenger lift buses. After publishing the bid the district received responses from 2 bus companies, Central States Bus and Midwest Bus Sales. The district also sought financing options through American Capital.

The district recommends awarding the bid to Central States Bus with financing through American Capital in the amount of \$24,280.25/per year per bus for four (4) 71 passenger buses, and \$29,226.87/per year per bus for two (2) 43 passenger buses w/lift. We feel this is a better option for the following reasons; 1.) Gas buses are less expensive to operate than diesel; 2.) Central States warranty allows us to perform and be reimbursed for warranty work; 3.) the return repair fees from Midwest Bus Sales have been very significant in the last couple of years, and (4) the lower priced Central States 43 passenger bus with lift are stock units without integrated child star seat belts, 2 versus 3 wheelchair set-ups, and manual versus electric door.

Number of buses	Bus Company	Year	lease term	Type of Bus	Fuel	delivery date	Price	buy-back amount	Bus Company Lease Quote	American Capital Lease Quote
4	Central States	2026	5 year	71 passenger	Gas	July, 2025	\$145,850.00	\$45,000.00	\$28,223.90	\$24,280.25
2	Central States	2026	5 year	43 passenger w/lift	Diesel	July, 2025	\$158,410.00	\$37,900.00	\$29,852.16	\$28,288.12
2	Central States	2026	5 year	43 passenger w/lift	Gas	July, 2025	\$162,670.00	\$37,900.00	\$30,822.33	\$29,226.87
2	Central States	2025	5 year	42 passenger w/lift	Gas	July, 2025	\$114,520.00	\$23,350.00	\$23,350.00	\$21,157.69
4	Midwest Bus Sales	2025	5 year	71 Passenger	Diesel	July, 2025	\$141,909.00	\$46,362.00	no-bid	\$23,173.91



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If the foregoing is acceptable to the Board the following would be an appropriate motion:

“Motion to approve a 5 year bus lease to Central States Bus with financing through American Capital in the amount of \$24,280.25/per year- per bus for four (4) 71 passenger buses, and \$29,226.87/per year-per bus for two (2) 43 passenger buses w/lift.”