



# Livonia Public Schools

## *District Services*

Date: March 14, 2026

To: Andrea Oquist, Superintendent

From: William Green, Assistant Superintendent of Operations and District Services

Re: Purchase of Bus Tablets/Mounts

I would like to bring to the Board of Education the purchase of tablets and mounts for our Transportation Department buses at the next Committee of the Whole Meeting, March 16, 2026.

### **Background**

The Transportation Department is seeking to expand the number of operational tablets in alignment with the number of Transfinder software licenses available to us. We currently have 25 tablet licenses but only utilize 12 tablets. This purchase would allow us to fully utilize our current license.

To maximize safety and efficiency for contracted and substitute drivers, tablet mounts are also needed on every bus within our active fleet. Contract and substitute drivers often rotate between routes, and the assigned bus may change daily. Having mounts installed on all buses ensures that drivers can safely secure the tablets that are rotated rather than holding them or placing them on unstable surfaces—both of which pose safety risks given typical road conditions.

Fully equipped buses will allow substitute and contract drivers to quickly access route details, turn by turn guidance, and student information through the Transfinder platform. This will reduce delays and support the accurate and timely completion of routes.

### **Recommendation**

The Transportation Department recommends the following purchases:

The purchase of 13 tablets and 67 mounting systems to support continued implementation of the district's transportation technology platform. The total cost of this purchase is \$46,337. This acquisition represents a continuation and expansion of an existing system already deployed within the Livonia Public Schools transportation fleet. Because the District is seeking to maintain full

technical compatibility, integration, and system integrity with the previously installed Transfinder hardware and software infrastructure, competitive bids are not applicable nor recommended.

**Funding Source**

This purchase would be funded using Capital Funds, as the equipment constitutes durable technology infrastructure and supports long-term operational needs of the district's transportation system.

Please add this item to the agenda. Thank you.

Attachments

c: Board of Education

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