

Browning Public Schools  
**Board Agenda Request**  
Meeting To Be Held: 5-25-2022



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**Recognition:**    Students                       Staff                       Parents  
**Information:**    Building Report                       Old Business                       Superintendent's Report  
**Action:**    Resignation                       Hiring                       Contract Service Agreements  
                     Travel Out-of-State                       Travel In State                       Approvals  
                     Termination                       Legal Matters                       Other:  
This action request pertains to    Elementary (only)                       High School/District Wide

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**Date:**   5-23-2022

**To:**        **Corrina Guardipee-Hall**  
                  Superintendent

**From:**    Wayne BullCalf  
**Title:**     Transportation Supervisor

**Subject:**   **Extended Stop Arms for Buses**

**Description:**   Montana School Bus Standards 2022 requires schools to install updated stop arms-Extended Stop Arms. Installation is required to be in place by July1, 2022.

- Be equipped with additional flashing red lights as specified in MCA 61-9-402
- Be capable of extending a distance of at least 54" from bus
- Be at a height of not less than 35 "
- Have additional illuminated stop sign located at furthest distance from bus.

**Financial Impact:** \$74,505.00

**Funding Source (Budget/grant, etc.):** 111/211-96-167-2710-730

**Attachment(s):** Description on extended stop arms/Estimate for extended stop arms.

**Approval:** Superintendent's Office/Finance/Personnel as applicable (Initial) \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Board Action:**    N/A (Info)     Approved     Denied     Tabled to: \_\_\_\_\_



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**state regulations**

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To: Francis Wayne BullCalf <francisb@bps.k12.mt.us>

Mon, May 9, 2022 at 11:06 AM

The following information has been sent out monthly since the passing of the law and adoption of the school bus standards which were final on January 14, 2022:

**2022 Montana School Bus Standards—Extended Stop Signal Arm**

**Extended Stop Arm (Page 40) --Effective July 1, 2022**

When a school bus route includes a bus stop that requires a child to cross a roadway, the school bus must be equipped with an extended stop arm that partially obstructs the roadway.

A school child may not cross a roadway to enter or exit from a school bus unless the roadway has been partially obstructed by the extended stop arm. 61-8-351, MCA.

Extended Stop Arm must:

1. Be equipped with **additional flashing red lights** as specified in 61-8-351(5)(b) and 61-9-402, MCA.
2. Be capable of extending a distance of at least 54 inches from the school bus.
3. Be at a height of not less than 36 inches.
4. Extended Stop Arm should have an additional illuminated stop sign located at the furthest distance from the school bus.

These new requirements and modifications will have an impact when performing the semi-annual school bus inspections by Montana Highway Patrol Officers. In addition, the TR-13 Bus Inspection Form is in the process of being fully revised and will be available by the effective date of July 1, 2022.

Districts may use their bus depreciation fund or transportation fund to pay for the purchase of the extended stop arms.



**Donell Rosenthal**

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Browning Public Schools Mail - Extended stop arm requirement



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## Extended stop arm requirement

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To: "francisb@bps.k12.mt.us" <francisb@bps.k12.mt.us>

Mon, May 2, 2022 at 1:43 PM

Good afternoon, Francis.

As you may be aware, on January 14<sup>th</sup> the Board of Public Education approved the 2021 Montana School Bus Standards which do include the standards for the extended stop arm on school buses. The standards for the extended stop arm can be reviewed on Page 40.

61-8-351 (5) MCA Now requires the use of an extended stop arm that partially obstructs the roadway and equipped with additional flashing red lights as specified 61-9-402, MCA, and requiring a school district trustees to approve each bus stop that requires a student to cross the roadway.

We are asking for your help to ensure we have adequate stock available to meet the order and delivery requirements of all schools. Could you please provide us with an estimate of how many stop arms your district may need? This will help us to plan our production accordingly.

Thank you in advance for your assistance!

Best regards,

Karyn Pratt

JM Transportation Solutions

406/261-7350



**JM TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS**  
 extendedstoparm.com 406/212-8805

# ESTIMATE

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 Martin City, MT 59926  
 United States

**BILL TO**  
**Browning Public School District 9**  
 Wayne Bull Galf  
 129 1st Avenue SE  
 Browning, Montana 59417  
 United States

**SHIP TO**  
**Browning Public Schools**  
 Bus Barn  
 1 City Shop Road  
 Browning, Montana 59417  
 United States

**Estimate Number:** Q2022-0058  
**Estimate Date:** May 4, 2022  
**Expires On:** June 4, 2022  
**Grand Total (USD):** \$74,505.00

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Items	Quantity	Price	Amount
<b>18004 - ESA</b> Extended stop arm - electric with heated actuator for 24 BB, 1 IC, 1 Micro Bird (quantity discount)	26	\$2,650.00	\$68,900.00
<b>18004 - ESA</b> Extended stop arm - air for BB (quantity discount)	1	\$2,750.00	\$2,750.00
<b>Shipping</b>	1	\$2,855.00	\$2,855.00
		<b>Total:</b>	\$74,505.00
		<b>Grand Total (USD) :</b>	\$74,505.00

Please note that if your existing stop arm (sign and lights) is not standard as shown with a thin metal blade attached to the stop sign, there will be an additional charge of \$250/each for new sign kits.

