

Recommendation to the Board of Education: Van Trade-In and Purchase Plan

Overview: To meet the district's transportation needs while adhering to Illinois School Bus requirements, I recommend that the Board approve trading in two existing vans (2019 and 2020 Chrysler Pacificas) and purchasing three new ones. This plan enhances fleet reliability, aligns with daily mileage demands, and optimizes resource allocation.

Proposal Details:

1. Trade-In of Current Vans:

- **2019 Chrysler Pacifica** (63,000 miles): Trade-in value of **\$11,000**
- **2020 Chrysler Pacifica** (97,000 miles): Trade-in value of **\$11,000**
- Total trade-in credit: **\$22,000**

2. Purchase of New Vans:

- Three new vans, focusing on models like the 2024/2025 Chrysler Pacifica
- Preferred Dealer: Kunes - Oregon (better service department and loaner availability).
- Estimated total cost: **\$118,580**.
 - Example models:
 - 2025 Chrysler Pacifica Select: \$39,329.
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 - 2025 Chrysler Pacifica: \$39,922
- Net cost after trade-in: **\$96,580**.

3. Designation of Existing Van:

- Retain the **2018 Chrysler Pacifica** (79,000 miles) for the technology department. This van will facilitate inter-campus transportation and serve as an extra activity vehicle, maximizing asset utilization.
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Rationale for Replacement:

- **High Mileage:** Current vans cover 407 miles daily, creating wear and reliability concerns.
 - 2019 Chrysler Pacifica - 63,000 miles - 70 miles/day Rochelle and MC to Highland
 - 2020 Chrysler Pacifica - 97,000 miles - 200 miles/day High Roads Garden Prairie, Easter Seals, Menta Academy
 - 2018 Chrysler Pacifica - 79,000 miles - 137 miles/day DeKalb and High Roads Genoa
- **Warranty Benefits:** New vans ensure operational efficiency with reduced maintenance costs.

- **Activity Bus vs. Van Requirements:** Passenger vehicles like minivans can be used for small groups if they seat 10 or fewer passengers and comply with safety and licensing regulations. Multi-Function School Activity Buses (MFSABs) are not permitted for home-to-school transport and are reserved for extracurricular activities.
 - **Fourth Van:** A fourth available van will aid with the Technology Department and small group club/activity trips with a few students attending. Our three vans are utilized to transport students to outlying districts.
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Preferred Dealership:

- **Kunes - Oregon:**
 - Wide selection of inventory.
 - Superior service department.
 - Loaner vehicle availability for maintenance/service interruptions.
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Recommendation for Board Approval:

- Approve the trade-in of two existing vans and the purchase of three new vans for a net investment of **\$96,580**.
- Designate the 2018 van for technology and activity-related transportation needs.