



River Trails

SCHOOL DISTRICT 26

To: Operations Committee
From: Ryan Berry
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Subject: District Maintenance Vehicle Schedule

Introduction

The district owns four fleet vehicles, three pickup trucks and one box truck. The district last purchased a pickup truck in FY2023. Current make, model and mileage information is below.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Mileage</u>
2011	Box Truck Ford 350	98,000
2015	Pickup Truck Ford 250	134,000
2022	Pickup Truck Ford 250	47,000
2022	Pickup Truck Ford 250	36,000

Recommendation

It is recommended that the board approve the purchase of a new Ford F350 pickup truck and snow plow.

Background

One pickup truck is utilized by our Director of Buildings and Grounds and can be used as a personal vehicle, to-and-from work. The other two trucks and the box truck are used by the three maintenance workers and stay in the district overnight.

Daily maintenance staff work requires our trucks to travel between buildings and to vendor locations. The trucks are also used for hauling equipment, and plowing and salting our playgrounds and parking lots. Plowing takes a significant toll on the trucks both structurally and mechanically. Snow control is a vital piece of safe and accessible building access for students in the winter months.

The box truck is also used on a daily basis. It not only hauls furniture and materials throughout the year, but it serves as a food and supply delivery vehicle to all district schools throughout the day. The continuous use, short trips, and overall age has increased the maintenance costs on the truck.

Overall, the fleet has held up well for the amount and type of use they get. The 2015 pickup truck was used by the previous Director of Buildings and Grounds, which quickly increased its total mileage. If the board were to instruct the administration to further research replacing the 2015 pickup truck, it would be recommended that the administration look into alternative salting spreading options and potentially contact local municipalities to create an IGA to share salt costs. This would not only reduce the salt costs for the district, but would also reduce the physical load of filling the current salt spreaders by hand by the maintenance department.

Financial Impact (If applicable)

The cost of automobiles has risen over the past few years. The cost for a new maintenance vehicle with a plow is approximately \$63,000.

Timeline and Next Steps (if needed)

To avoid a massive capital expenditure in a single year, we will stagger acquisitions. As vehicles age, the "Total Cost of Ownership" typically spikes after year seven due to major component failures. Therefore, to ensure the reliability of our maintenance operations and minimize escalating repair costs, we are installing a **8-year replacement cycle** for maintenance trucks and approximately 10-year replacement schedule for the box truck.

By rotating the fleet every eight years, we maximize resale value and ensure minimal maintenance costs. The following schedule is the plan for future vehicle purchases.

<u>Year Purchased</u>	<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Replacement Year</u>
2011	Box Truck Ford 350	2027
2015	Pickup Truck Ford 250	2026
2022	Pickup Truck Ford 250	2030
2022	Pickup Truck Ford 250	2031