

Weber School District Transportation

Memo

To: Superintendent Gina Buttars, Weber School District Board of Education
From: Kristen H. Kearl, Supervisor of Transportation
Cc: Brock Mitchell, Dax Teuscher, Seth Pilkington
Date: 8/13/2025
Re: Special Ed w/ AC School Bus Purchase

WSD Board Members,

Recently, a Lewis Bus Group salesman visited our Transportation department to show us a special education bus. Lewis Bus Group is the vendor for Thomas Bus. They have two special education buses that are equipped with air conditioning. They are last year's model but brand new. We currently do not have Thomas Buses in our fleet. They would like to partner up with Weber School District and have offered these two buses for \$219,500.00 each.

I have \$376,052.00 left over from my recent bus purchases. I would need \$62,948.00 more to acquire these two buses.

We have some special needs students in our district who are intolerant to heat. This would also accommodate our summer runs, which we run in June and July.

Starting this partnership could provide us with an excellent opportunity to purchase more special needs buses with air conditioning, which in turn helps us build our fleet and, more importantly, allows us to accommodate our special needs students better. I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

For further clarification or to answer questions, please call me at 801-476-7931 or my cell phone at 801-725-4610.

Thank you!

Sincerely,
Kristen H. Kearl
Supervisor
Weber School District Transportation