

BOARD MEETING DATE: September 15, 2025

AGENDA ITEM NAME: Consider approval of the purchase of five (5) 78-passenger buses and one (1) 33-passenger specially adapted bus, each equipped with three-point seat belts for all passengers, for a total of \$957,050 from Thomas Built Buses via BuyBoard Contract 722-23.

THIS ITEM RELATES TO STRATEGIC PLAN PILLAR(S): Fiscal & Operational Systems and Safety & Wellbeing

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Transportation Department is seeking approval to purchase six (6) new school buses to accommodate the operational needs of the District. The additional buses will enable the Department to better balance student loads, reduce overcrowding, and support projected enrollment growth. Additionally, newer buses are expected to decrease long-term expenses by improving fuel efficiency, minimizing maintenance issues, and benefiting from warranty coverage.

Each 78-passenger bus is \$160,250 and the 33-passenger bus is \$155,000, plus a BuyBoard Fee of \$800, for a total of \$957,050.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION: Approve the purchase of six (6) school buses.

ATTACHMENTS: Thomas Built Buses Quotes

BUDGET INFORMATION: The purchase will be funded by the Capital Projects Fund using 2022 Bond savings.

RESOURCE PERSONNEL: Darcas Moody, Transportation Director

RECOMMENDED MOTION: I move to approve the purchase of five (5) 78-passenger buses and one (1) 33-passenger specially adapted bus, each equipped with three-point seat belts for all passengers, for a total of \$957,050 from Thomas Built Buses via BuyBoard Contract 722-23.