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Date: January 12, 2026

To: McCall Donnelly School District Board of Trustees

From: Tim Thomas, Superintendent

The purpose of this memo is to request School Board approval for the purchase of an additional special needs bus to support the district's transportation needs.

At present, the district operates one bus equipped with a wheelchair lift. Due to increasing and ongoing special transportation needs, a second wheelchair-accessible bus is necessary to ensure safe, reliable, and compliant transportation for students requiring specialized services.

The administration has conducted research, consulted with the Idaho Department of Education Transportation Division, and solicited pricing options. Based on this process, the district has identified a suitable bus available through a dealer at a purchase price of \$118,000.

The district has received the EV heater rebate in the amount of \$59,263.00, which will be applied toward the total cost of the bus. To cover the remaining expense, the administration is requesting approval to transfer \$60,000.00 from the Early Childhood Center fund. The Early Childhood Center fund currently has a balance of \$182,000.

Approval of this request will allow the district to meet current transportation demands and continue providing appropriate services to students with special needs.

#### MDSD Strategic Plan 2025-2031

IV. Continuous Improvement: The district shall implement practices and procedures that promote continuous improvement in the organization.

2. Comply with state and federal laws
3. Manage the budget