



**Bus Purchase Report  
Board Meeting  
March 5, 2024**

The Provincial bus tender closed January 2024. Senior management recommends taking advantage of the provincial bus tender prices. The school division is purchasing gas fueled buses based on past direction and consideration from the board and management.

**Request for Bus Purchase**

Request to purchase a total of seven (7) gas fueled buses.

The seating capacity for the buses will range from 53 to 77 students.

At this time the estimated cost of a bus and all equipment, taxes and fees will be \$1,427,940.

Since the last bus purchase there are no funds in the bus reserve for the seven bus purchase. All funds to purchase buses must be budgeted accordingly in the 2024-2025 budget. The estimated bus arrival date is December 2024.

The seven buses are not to expand the bus fleet but to replace aging and high mileage buses. The division removed seven buses in the past 12 months from the fleet, due to blown engines. The removed buses age ranged from 8 to 15 years. All motors were diesel motors. These buses will be used for spare parts where possible. The purchase of seven buses is much needed as a number of buses are nearing their life expectancy and spare buses can become an issue should a number of buses require longer than anticipated maintenance and repairs.

For the next several years there will be an ongoing request to replace at least a minimum of seven buses annually.

**Recommendation**

The board approve the Secretary-Treasurer and Transportation Manager to submit a request to PTU (Pupil Transportation Unit) for the seven bus purchases.

**Motion**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the board approve the purchase of up to seven (7) buses subject to budget capacity.

BE IT FURTHER Resolved the board approve the transfer from the bus reserve to support the purchase of the buses.

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Secretary-Treasurer