



September 4, 2020

**RE: KISTA Financing for School Buses**

Dear Superintendent or Director of Transportation:

Our firm is acting as Financial Advisor for the Kentucky Interlocal School Transportation Association (KISTA). This is the 30th year for the KISTA school bus financing program. We are now ready to offer the same program for your school to finance their 2020 bus purchases. The program basically remains the same as the previous years. We should expect an average interest rate of approximately 1.8% based on current market conditions. This is a fixed rate of interest over 10 years.

Enclosed herewith please find the following information and a short explanation of its intended use or the actions you must take in order to participate in KISTA.

**KISTA Information Packet**

We recommend you use the enclosed information to explain KISTA to your Board. In addition, you may contact Mr. Lincoln Theinert at the telephone number shown in this letter to obtain additional information on KISTA. We have also included a sample debt service schedule representing the costs of financing one (1) school bus unit using this program.

**Participation Resolution**

The only action your Board of Education must take in order to participate in KISTA is to adopt the Participation Resolution. Please complete the Participation Resolution as follows:

Fill in your school district's name and the number of school bus units to be financed by KISTA on the first page.

Fill in page 3 with the total cost of the bus units to be financed by KISTA including the cost of any options to be financed; and, the total number of the KISTA financed bus units. You may split your orders and pay cash for some of your bus units and finance the remainder of your bus units through KISTA. However, we must know the exact units you are financing and the ones you are paying cash for.

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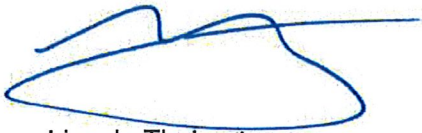
Fill in the remainder of page 4 and sign in the appropriate designations.

**[Note - the Department of Education has implemented a new Online ordering system which allows you to identify your order as a participant in the KISTA program.]** You should send an original signed copy of the Participation Resolution, along with a copy of your bus orders and a copy of any purchase orders for financing options to our office no later than November 15, 2020 directly to:

*Mr. Lincoln Theinert  
RSA Advisors, LLC  
325 W. Main Street, Suite 300  
Lexington, KY 40507  
800-255-0795*

If you have any questions of the KISTA financing program or wish to have amortization schedules ran for your district, RSA Advisors maintains a toll free number at 1-800-255-0795 to assist you.

Yours truly,



Lincoln Theinert

Enclosures

## **Kentucky Interlocal School Transportation Association (KISTA) Equipment Lease Revenue Bonds**

**Overview:** Following the tragic Carrollton bus accident, the Department of Education established one of the state's highest safety standards for school buses in the nation. School districts in Kentucky now pay approximately \$100,000 on the average for each school bus unit. By State mandate, all units are now required to be equipped with diesel engines.

In Kentucky, there are over 9,700 school buses in service each day. In order to provide a low cost financing tool for school districts to pay for their school buses, several superintendents joined together to form an organization known as "KISTA."

**Issuer:** The Kentucky Interlocal School Transportation Association "KISTA" is a not-for-profit association of up to fifteen (15) school districts in Kentucky established pursuant to KRS, Sections 65.210 through 65.300, of the Interlocal Cooperation Act. The Board of Directors for KISTA are the superintendents of the 15 districts, or their designees. The Board serves without pay and establishes the policies and procedures of the Association.

**Purpose:** KISTA acts as an issuing agency of tax-exempt bonds or notes in order to provide the needed funds for participating school districts to acquire new school buses. The school buses purchased through KISTA have diesel equipped engines and meet all safety requirements of the Department of Education. The buses are purchased from a State approved vendor's listing which has been competitively bid by the Department of Education.

**Pay-back Mechanism:** Each participating school district's Board must first approve by Resolution approval to participate in the KISTA financing program and to enter into an Equipment Lease & Security Agreement with KISTA. The lease amount of a District is the pro-rata share of the District's equipment costs to the total equipment costs purchased from the Bond proceeds times the annual principal and interest payments of the Bonds.

KISTA provides a self-insurance collision policy for each bus unit financed. There is a \$5,000 deductible per unit. The maximum payment is computed on the depreciated value of the school bus unit. Comprehensive and liability insurance is the local district's responsibility. Any insurance reserve remaining after the KISTA bonds are repaid will be rebated to the participating districts on the same original pro-rata basis.

**The Bonds:** KISTA Equipment Lease Certificates of Participation are issued for 10 years, which uniformly matches the depreciation formula of the Department of Education. The Bonds are competitively bid and awarded to the successful purchaser based on the lowest interest cost to the participating Districts. KISTA bonds are rated "A1" by Moody's Investors Service.



**Prior KISTA Bond Issues:** KISTA has provided tax-exempt financing for over 5,005 school bus units costing over \$353 million. A listing of the districts which participated in prior KISTA bond issues is shown below:

Adair County	Franklin County	Owensboro Independent
Augusta Independent	Ft. Thomas Independent	Owsley County
Ballard County	Fulton County	Paducah Independent
Barbourville Independent	Gallatin County	Paintsville Independent
Bardstown Independent	Garrard County	Paris Independent
Barren County	Glasgow Independent	Pendleton County
Bath County	Grant County	Perry County
Beechwood Independent	Graves County	Pike County
Bell County	Green County	Pikeville Independent
Bellevue Independent	Greenup County	Pineville Independent
Berea Independent	Hancock County	Powell County
Boone County	Harlan County	Providence Independent
Bourbon County	Harlan Independent	Pulaski County
Boyd County	Harrodsburg Independent	Raceland-Worthington Ind.
Boyle County	Hart County	Robertson County
Breathitt County	Hazard Independent	Rowan County
Breckinridge County	Hopkins County	Russell County
Bullitt County	Jackson County	Russell Independent
Burgin Independent	Jackson Independent	Russellville Independent
Butler County	Jenkins Independent	Science Hill Independent
Campbell County	Jessamine County	Scott County
Campbellsville Independent	Kenton County	Simpson County
Carroll County	Knott County	Somerset Independent
Carter County	LaRue County	Spencer County
Caverna Independent	Leslie County	Taylor County
Christian County	Letcher County	Todd County
Clark County	Lewis County	Trigg County
Clinton County	Magoffin County	Trimble County
Cloverport Independent	Marion County	Union County
Covington Independent	Mason County	Walton-Verona Ind.
Crittenden County	Mayfield Independent	Warren County
Cumberland County	McCracken County	Washington County
Danville Independent	McLean County	Wayne County
Daviess County	Menifee County	Webster County
Dawson Springs Independent	Mercer County	Williamsburg Independent
Dayton Independent	Metcalfe County	Williamstown Independent
East Bernstadt Independent	Middlesboro Independent	Whitley County
Edmonson County	Monroe County	Wolfe County
Elizabethtown Independent	Montgomery County	
Elliott County	Monticello Independent	
Eminence Independent	Morgan County	
Erlanger-Elsmere Ind.	Muhlenberg County	
Estill County	Murray Independent	
Fairview Independent	Newport Independent	
Fayette County	Nicholas County	
Floyd County	Oldham County	
Frankfort Independent	Owen County	



GALLATIN COUNTY

SCHOOL DISTRICT

NUMBER OF BUSES ORDERED

1

### PARTICIPATION RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN EQUIPMENT LEASE AND SECURITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE KENTUCKY INTERLOCAL SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION AND THE BOARD PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION AND LEASING OF SCHOOL BUSES AND APPROVING GENERALLY THE PLAN OF FINANCING THE ACQUISITION OF SCHOOL BUSES FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD.**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education ("Board") has determined that it is necessary and desirable that the Board acquire new school buses in order to provide for the transportation needs of the students served by the Board, and

WHEREAS, the Kentucky Department of Education of the Commonwealth of Kentucky ("Department") has implemented a program to assist local boards of education throughout the Commonwealth in the acquisition of school buses, combining the needs of school districts throughout the Commonwealth and purchasing in bulk directly from the manufacturers, and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the pooled acquisition of buses administered by the Department, it is necessary that local boards of education provide their own financing for the acquisition of school buses purchased for them through the Department, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Boards of Education of the Elliott, Lewis, Morgan, Pendleton, Rowan (the "Original Districts") and certain subsequent Districts (the "KISTA Governing Board") that certain economies may be realized through the utilization of a joint agency to act for and on behalf of local boards of education desiring to acquire school buses, and

WHEREAS, the provisions of Sections 65.210 through 65.300 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, designated as the Interlocal Cooperation Act ("Act"), set forth the procedure by which any two or more governmental units may enter into agreements with one another and with third parties for joint or cooperative action, and

WHEREAS, the KISTA Governing Board pursuant to the Act administers the Kentucky Interlocal School Transportation Association ("KISTA") which acts as an agency and instrumentality for those local boards of education which desire to participate in the issuance of Certificates of Participation on a pooled basis, the proceeds of which are applied to the acquisition of school buses for participating boards of education in order that certain economies in financing may be realized; said pooled financing plan being designated as the KISTA Equipment Acquisition Program ("KEAP"), and

WHEREAS, in order for the Board to participate in KEAP for the year 2020 for which KISTA is to act as an issuing agency for this Board and other participating local boards of education, it is necessary that the Board approve the execution of an Equipment Lease and Security Agreement ("Series 2021 Lease") by the Chairman and Secretary whereunder this Board's portion of school buses ("Equipment") purchased from the proceeds of KISTA's Series 2021 Certificates of Participation, will be leased by KISTA to the Board on a year to year basis at rentals sufficient to amortize (i) the costs of the Equipment purchased by KISTA on behalf of this Board through the payment of the Board's pro rata portion of the Series 2021 Certificates of Participation, issued by KISTA, (ii) the funding of a collision insurance and debt service reserve fund, to the extent required, and (iii) the expenses incident to the issuance of said 2021 Certificates of Participation, allocated to the Board;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1. DECLARATION OF PUBLIC POLICY**

That the Board hereby declares that it is in the best interests of the Board to cooperate with other local boards of education pursuant to the Act and to contract with the Kentucky Interlocal School Transportation Association in the acquisition of Equipment through the utilization of KEAP for 2020 effected by the issuance of KISTA's Certificates of Participation, Series of 2021, (the "Series 2021 COPS" or "COPS"). It is now anticipated that KEAP for 2020 will be funded with KISTA COPS issued in the year 2021.

**SECTION 2. APPROVAL OF GENERAL FINANCING PLAN**

That KISTA has been established pursuant to the Act to act as an issuing agency for participating boards of education in the issuance of Certificates of Participation, which, after providing for the expenses of their authorization, sale, issuance, and funding a collision insurance and debt service reserve, shall be utilized on a pro rata basis among the participating boards of education for the acquisition of Equipment. The KISTA COPS, shall be issued pursuant to the terms of a Trust Indenture by and between KISTA and The Huntington National Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio ("Trustee") and shall be secured exclusively by rental payments due under a certain Equipment Lease and Security Agreement ("Lease") whereunder the Equipment purchased by KISTA with the proceeds of the COPS, will be leased to the Board on a year to year basis at annual rentals sufficient to amortize the Board's pro rata portion of the proceeds of the COPS allocated to Equipment purchased on behalf of the Board, and the expenses incident to the authorization, sale, and issuance of the COPS.

**SECTION 3. AUTHORIZATION OF EXECUTION OF EQUIPMENT LEASE AND SECURITY AGREEMENT**

That the Chairman and Secretary of this Board are hereby authorized to execute an Equipment Lease and Security Agreement with KISTA; said Lease shall provide for the lease of the Equipment purchased by KISTA on behalf of the Board to the Board on a year to year basis for a term of ten years at annual rentals sufficient to amortize the Board's pro rata portion of the COPS issued by KISTA on its behalf, as well as the expenses incident to the authorization and sale of said COPS.

The Lease shall be prepared by KISTA's Bond Counsel prior to the sale of KISTA's COPS, and shall be submitted to the Board and its counsel for consideration and execution.

The Lease shall provide for annual rental payments in amounts sufficient to amortize the Board's pro rata portion of the KISTA COPS, which shall be payable in semi-annual installments due two weeks prior to the principal and interest due dates on the KISTA COPS.

The Lease shall provide that the Board shall have the option to not renew the Lease at the end of any rental year (June 30), but the Lease shall automatically renew without action by the Board in the event the Board desires to continue its obligations on a year to year basis.

The Lease shall provide that the Board shall have the option to purchase the Equipment identified therein at any time upon sixty days' notice to KISTA and the Trustee Bank and upon the payment of the Board's pro rata portion of the KISTA COPS, then outstanding, plus interest due to the next interest payment date upon which the Board's portion of said COPS may be redeemed plus any redemption premium.

The Lease shall provide that the Board shall maintain adequate liability insurance in accordance with guidelines established by the statutes and the Department, but the Equipment financed thereunder shall be covered by KISTA for collision insurance for all damage in excess of \$5,000.

The Lease shall provide that title to the Equipment shall be vested in the Board, but shall be subjected to a security interest in favor of the Trustee Bank in order to secure the Registered Owners of the KISTA COPS, with the right to foreclose in the event of a default by the Board.



The Lease shall not be effective or binding upon the Board or KISTA unless and until its provisions and the Board's execution thereof are approved by the Commissioner of Education of the Commonwealth of Kentucky or the duly authorized and designated representative of the Department in accordance with the Commissioner's direction.

That the Lease shall provide that in the event the Board shall fail to pay the required rental payments due thereunder, KISTA, or its designee, shall have the right to advise the Department and request that the Commissioner of Education or his duly designated representative in the Department intercept those funds appropriated and allocated to the Board annually for school transportation requirements in any year in which the Lease is in effect and apply a sufficient amount to the rental then due; said right of interception shall terminate upon the termination of the Lease by the Board in accordance with its terms.

That the Lease shall provide that title to the Equipment purchased by KISTA on behalf of the Board shall vest in the Board and the Board shall exercise all rights incident to the ownership of said Equipment and shall be responsible for liability insurance and maintenance of said Equipment from which responsibilities KISTA shall be held harmless, but KISTA shall provide collision insurance for claims in excess of \$5,000.

#### **SECTION 4. DIRECTION TO SUPERINTENDENT**

That the Superintendent of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to file an executed copy of this Resolution, accompanied by an executed copy of the Board's 2020 School Bus Purchase Authorization, with the Department no later than **November 15, 2020**; the Department's deadline for KISTA orders; said Resolution and Authorization shall likewise be filed with RSA Advisors, LLC, Financial Advisor to KISTA no later than **November 15, 2020**.

That this Resolution shall constitute a notice and request by the Board to KISTA that the Board be included in the 2020 KEAP pooled financing represented by the KISTA COPS, to the extent of the Board's required Equipment indicated herein and that Counsel for KISTA proceed to prepare the Lease reflecting the general terms herein set forth and the specifics of the Board's participation.

That upon the sale and delivery of the KISTA COPS the proceeds thereof, after the deduction of the expenses incident to their authorization and sale, shall be deposited in an Acquisition Account with the Trustee Bank in the name of the Board and applied to the acquisition of the Equipment for the Board in the total amount of approximately \$ 5,664,750 consisting of 1 Equipment units.

Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the Board shall have the right to withdraw its participation at any time prior to January 15, 2021, by giving written notice to KISTA of its intention to withdraw. Conversely, KISTA may rely on the commitment of the Board expressed through the adoption of this Resolution unless and until it receives notice to the contrary by the date stated.

#### **SECTION 5. NOT TO BE ISSUED AS "QUALIFIED TAX EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS "**

That pursuant to Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, the Board, by the adoption of this Resolution, acknowledges that KISTA's COPS will not be issued as "qualified tax exempt obligations", but that the Board's pro rata portion of said COPS will count against the Board's \$10,000,000 "qualified tax exempt obligation" limitation for the calendar year ending December 31, 2021 just as if the Board or its School District Finance Corporation had issued said COPS directly.

#### **SECTION 6. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF POSSIBLE VARIATIONS**

That by the adoption of this Resolution the Board acknowledges its understanding that estimated interest rates for the KISTA COPS, are subject to some variation based upon the conditions of the municipal bond market at the time the KISTA COPS are publicly advertised and sold and that the annual rental payments due under the Lease will be impacted by the interest requirements of the COPS, as well as the amount of the Board's participation.



## SECTION 7. WAIVER AND CONSENT ON BIDDING

That RSA Advisors, LLC, Lexington, Kentucky, is acting as Financial Advisor to KISTA and Program Administrator for KEAP. In accordance with Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board Rule G-23 as amended November 28, 2011, said Fiscal Agent shall not provide any underwriting services. Compensation of said Fiscal Agent will be in accordance with the fee schedule approved by the Kentucky Department of Education and the Kentucky School Facilities Construction Commission.

## SECTION 8. SEVERABILITY AND REPEAL OF CONFLICTS

That if any section, paragraph or clause hereof shall be held invalid, the invalidity of said section, paragraph or clause shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution. All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed and this Resolution shall take effect and be in force upon its adoption.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Education of on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

## CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

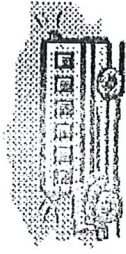
I, the undersigned Secretary of the Board of Education certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted by said Board on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ voting for the motion to adopt said Resolution and \_\_\_\_\_ voting against said motion and that there is attached hereto a true and correct copy of the State Department of Education's form of 2018 School Bus Purchase Authorization executed by the Chairperson and Secretary of said Board in accordance with the terms of said Resolution.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary, Board of Education

## PLEASE PROCESS AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) BOARD OF EDUCATION MUST ADOPT RESOLUTION
- (2) FILL IN INFORMATION REQUIRED BY SECTION 4 ABOVE (page 3)  
AND SIGN ON PAGE 4
- (3) ATTACH COPY OF 2018 SCHOOL BUS PURCHASE AUTHORIZATION
- (4) RETURN TO RSA ADVISORS, LLC, 325 W. MAIN STREET, SUITE 300 LEXINGTON, KY 40507
- (5) YOUR DISTRICT MUST FILE PA-1 AND PA-2 FORMS WITH THE KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BY **November 15, 2020**.



# 2020 International Corp Purchase Authorization

*Gallatin* BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Special Needs Diesel

All International buses have air brakes. All Type C have rear center fuel tank locations.

Item #	Quantity	Bus Type	Capacity	Engine Manufacturer	Chassis Manufacturer	HP	Transmission Manufacturer	Wheel Base	Rear Axle Overhang	Base Price
IC1		C	34	Cummins B6.7	International	220	Allison 2500PTS	170	93	\$92,995
IC2		C	52	Cummins B6.7	International	220	Allison 2500PTS	218	127	\$94,695
IC3		C	52	Cummins B6.7	International	250	Allison 2500PTS	218	127	\$95,295
IC4		C	66	Cummins B6.7	International	220	Allison 2500PTS	276	149	\$99,295
IC5		C	66	Cummins B6.7	International	250	Allison 2500PTS	276	149	\$99,895
IC6		C	66	Cummins B6.7	International	220	Allison 3000PTS	276	149	\$102,695
IC7		C	66	Cummins B6.7	International	250	Allison 3000PTS	276	149	\$103,295

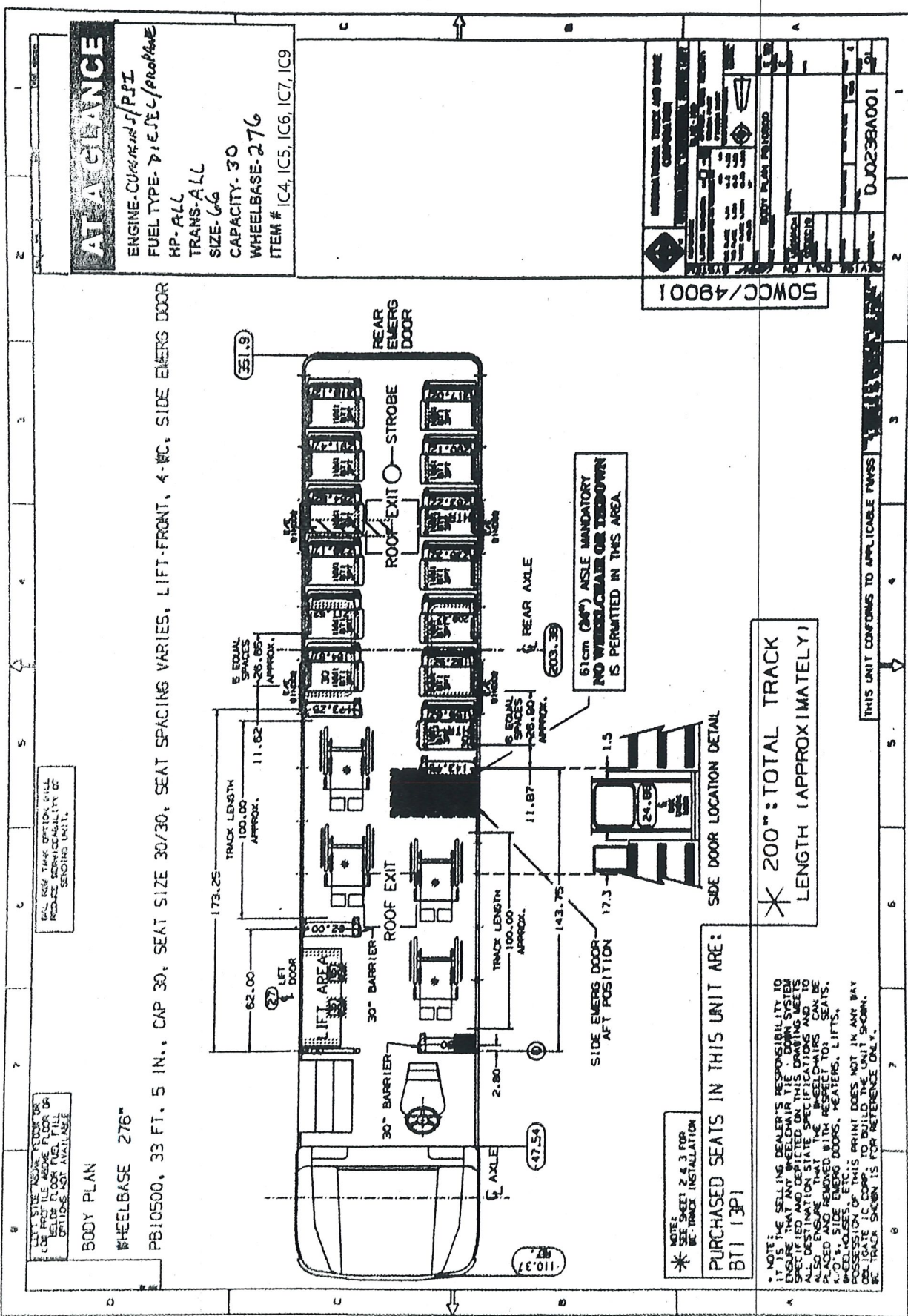
## Special Needs Propane

All Type A are Hydraulic Brakes and have a left side center fuel tank. All Type C have Center Rear fuel tanks.

Item #	Quantity	Bus Type	Capacity	Engine Manufacturer	Chassis Manufacturer	HP	Transmission Manufacturer	Wheel Base	Rear Axle Overhang	Base Price
IC8		C	52	PSI	International	270	Allison 2500PTS	218	127	\$102,395
IC9		C	66	PSI	International	270	Allison 2500PTS	276	149	\$107,395

*12 - 516,475.50*









# Kentucky School Bus Replacement Application Form

(funded by Volkswagen Settlement)

Name of School District \*

Gallatin County School

Detailed Description of Mitigation Action Item Including Community and Air Quality Benefits: \*

GCS will improve the nox and particulate output due to cleaner engine exhaust.

If your district is located in a county designated as nonattainment or maintenance for the federal ozone or PM2.5 ambient air quality standards, describe how the replacement of the bus(es) will decrease the emissions that impact the area or, if your district is located in a county designated by the Appalachian Regional Commission as a distressed county note it here. If the buses you are replacing typically operate in areas with a high incidence of childhood asthma or breathing problems – explain how the replacement of bus(es) will help the situation. \*

GCS does not fall in the areas mentioned above. This new bus purchase will improve the air quality for our students and staff.

**\*\*Eligible school buses include 2001 engine model year or older school bus. Please list the bus being replaced and scrapped with the replacement bus. Replacement must be an identical new bus with the engine model year in which the eligible bus mitigation action occurs or one engine model year prior.**

Identification of buses to be replaced: (The application must contain an estimate of the expected lifetime NOx emissions reduction for each proposed School Bus replacement calculated using the Argonne National Laboratory Heavy-Duty Vehicle Emissions Calculator (accessible at <https://afleet-web.es.anl.gov/afleet/> ). Copies of the files used in this estimate shall be included with the application.

Year	Make	Model	VIN	2019 VMT	Size	Fuel Type	Anticipated NOx reduction
2001	IC	GC39530	1A912152	236781	78	Diesel	see attached

Is/Are the bus(es) itemized above listed on the Kentucky Department of Education's 2019-2020 School Bus Inventory as a "Daily" Bus? If no, please see the last page.\*\*

☒ YES

☐ NO

AB I understand the buses being replaced must be scrapped according to the definition below.

*Scrapped shall mean to render inoperable and available for recycle, and, at a minimum, to specifically cut a 3-inch hole in the engine block for all engines. If any Eligible Vehicle will be replaced as part of an Eligible project, Scrapped shall also include the disabling of the chassis by cutting the vehicle's frame rails completely in half.*

Identification of replacement buses: \*

Make	Model	Fuel Type	Size	Cost
IC	CE	Diesel	66	103295.00

I understand that if funding is not available to cover 50% of the purchase price for all eligible buses requested from school districts, the amount to be reimbursed to districts will be made on a pro rata reduced rate per legislative language.

\*\*If your district does not have an eligible bus for replacement (one that is listed on KDE's 2019-2020 School Bus Inventory as being operated "daily" and a 2001 model year or earlier), your district may apply for one replacement bus, if a bus in the district's inventory, otherwise designated, has been used as a designated replacement bus for other daily buses that have been taken out of service.

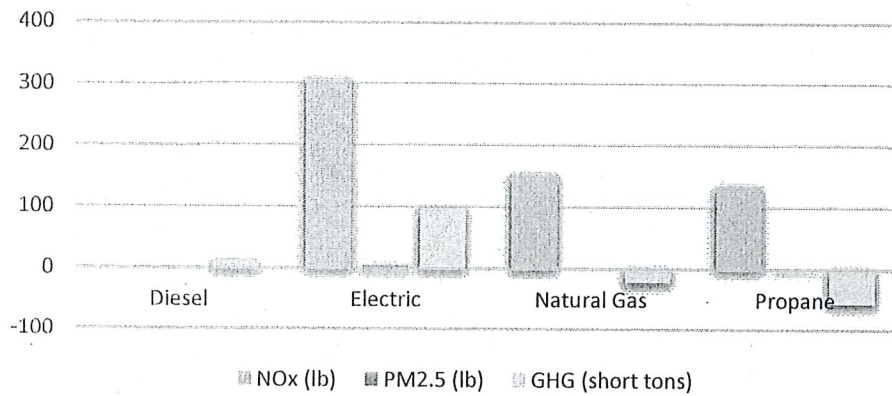
By signature below, I certify that all requirements of the Volkswagen Settlement Mitigation Trust Funds, relative to school bus replacement and reporting guidelines, including but not limited to the scrapping of buses being replaced, will be performed in compliance with the requirements of the Settlement provisions.

Signature Arnold Baker



## Environmental Mitigation with Scrappage

### New Vehicle Emission Benefit



### New Vehicle Emission Benefits

Pollutant	Diesel	Electric	Natural Gas	Propane
NOx (lb)	0	307.06	153.53	133.81
PM2.5 (lb)	0	4.55	0	-1.3
GHG (short tons)	10.06	98.35	-22.41	-56.85

### New Vehicle Cost Effectiveness

Pollutant	Diesel	Electric	Natural Gas	Propane
NOx (lb)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
PM2.5 (lb)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
GHG (short tons)	\$5,134	N/A	N/A	N/A