

**AUTHORIZATION FOR CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY
TO EXECUTE INTENT TO PURCHASE
SCHOOL BUSES ON STATE CONTRACT**

BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE: Fayette County Public Schools operates a fleet of 310 buses. This fleet supports an active daily schedule of over 1,400 bus routes, travelling approximately 3.4 million miles per year. 258 daily active busses are required for the 2022-2023 school year. The remaining buses are necessary to support normal preventive maintenance, mechanical repairs, and mandatory monthly safety inspections. The district is using a 14-year life cycle for replacing buses which requires approximately 22 new buses per year. Maintaining good busses is necessary to provide excellent transportation service with less downtime, high driver morale and increased student safety.

In order to purchase school buses on the state bid contract, a Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) SCHOOL BUS PURCHASE AUTHORIZATION (PA-1) must be executed. To participate in the Kentucky Interlocal School Transportation Association (KISTA) financing program, a Participation Resolution must be signed. KISTA is a not-for-profit association of Kentucky school districts that provides a financing tool for purchasing school busses. This tax-exempt financing program has financed over 3600 school busses totaling more than \$210 million dollars and FCPS has participated for over twenty years. The estimated cost is based on forecasted interest rates.

Bus Replacement Cost:

Bus Type	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Transit Buses – Rear Engine	17	\$148,935	\$2,531,895
Special Needs	4	120,418	481,672
Options:			
Tire upgrade Special Needs	4	490	1,960
Add Track mount seats	4	1,560	6,240
Window Tint	17	1,050	17,850
Storage Compartments	17	1,685	28,645
Trash Cans	21	50	1,050
Pro-Vision Camera Systems	17	4,553	77,401
Pro-Vision Camera Systems Sped	4	3,909	15,636
AM/FM/PA Sped	4	690	2,760
P/A System	17	690	11,730
Back-Up Camera	17	1,125	19,125
Total:			\$3,195,964*

*Does not include costs associated with arranging financing, or annual interest costs for the ten-year life of the bonding arrangement.

PROPOSAL:

ITEM	AMOUNT	FUNDING SOURCE	RECURRING/NON	MEASURABLE IMPACT AND TIMELINE
17 Transit Style (78-passenger)	\$2,531,895	KISTA	Non-Recurring	Supports School Bus Fleet for 14-year life cycle
4 Special Needs	\$481,672	KISTA	Non-Recurring	Supports School Bus Fleet for 14-year life cycle
OPTIONS	AMOUNT	FUNDING SOURCE	RECURRING/NON	MEASURABLE IMPACT AND TIMELINE
Tire Upgrade	\$1,960	KISTA	Non-Recurring	Heavier Tire on Special Needs Buses
Track Mount Seats	\$6,240	KISTA	Non-Recurring	More students on Special Needs Bus
Window Tint	17,850	KISTA	Non-Recurring	Cools bus interior
Storage Compartment on 17 buses	\$28,645	KISTA	Non-Recurring	Permits storage space on Transit Buses
Trash Cans	\$1,050	KISTA	Non-Recurring	Cleaner bus
17 Pro-Vision Camera Systems	\$77,401	KISTA	Non-Recurring	Provides 6 cameras on each bus for safety monitoring
4 Pro-Vision Cameras Sped	\$15,636	KISTA	Non-Recurring	Provides 4 cameras on each bus for safety monitoring
17 P/A Systems	\$11,730	KISTA	Non-Recurring	Permits communication with students
4 AM/FM/PA System Sped	\$2,760	KISTA	Non-Recurring	Permits communication with students
17 Back-Up Cameras	\$19,125	KISTA	Non-Recurring	Minimizes accidents

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POLICY REFERENCE:

702 KAR 5:040

RECOMMENDATION:

Motions are in order to:

1. "Authorize the Chairman and Secretary to execute a school bus purchase authorization with the Kentucky Department of Education, Division of Pupil Transportation for the acquisition of 21 buses as described above on the 2023 State Purchase Contract." and

2. "Authorize the Chairman and Secretary to execute an equipment and security agreement between the Kentucky Inter-local School Transportation Association (KISTA) and the Board to provide for the acquisition and leasing of 21 school buses with a total value of \$3,195,964 and approve generally the plan of financing the school buses for and on behalf of the Board."