



# Fayette County Public Schools

## Executive Summary Fayette County Public Schools Board Meeting Agenda Item

**MEETING:** Planning

**DATE:** 10/13/2025

**TOPIC:** Bus Purchase - KISTA

**PREPARED BY:** Daryn Morris - Director of Transportation

**Recommended Action on:** 10/27/2025

**Superintendent Prior Approval:** Yes

### **Recommendation/Motion:**

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 an estimated 20 school buses as described on the 2025 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 an estimated 20 school buses with a total value of approximately \$4,000,000 and approve generally the plan of financing the school buses for and on behalf of the Board."

**Background/Rationale:** In recent years the school district has been adhering to a 14-year replacement cycle for school buses. However, we last initiated a school bus purchase in February 2024. There is a need for additional school bus purchases to return to maintaining the fleet on the replacement cycle, due to continued growth in student ridership and covering expanded routes, the expected growth at Britton Middle, the opening of the new Girls RISE school, and the opening of Greendale Elementary. KISTA offers a financing mechanism to pay for the expense of the school buses over a ten (10) year period, and the purchasing window to participate is available once a year. KDE requires execution of the PA-1 form for bus purchases, and the estimated cost is based on forecasted interest rates.

### **Strategic Priority:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Student Achievement                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Unity, Belonging & Student Efficacy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Highly Effective, Culturally Responsive Workforce | <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach & Engagement               |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Organizational Health & Effectiveness  |  |

**Data Considerations:** Cost Effectiveness, Student Ridership, Maintenance Repairs

**Policy:** 702 KAR 5:040

**Fiscal Impact:** \$4,000,000

**Attachments(s):** Intent to Purchase; KISTA Resolution