

KDE BUS PURCHASE AUTHORIZATION AND
KISTA PARTICIPATION RESOLUTION
FOR SCHOOL BUSES ON STATE CONTRACT

BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE: Fayette County Public Schools (FCPS) operates a fleet of 304 buses that are on a 14 year replacement cycle. This fleet supports an active daily schedule of 261 school buses and 3 fleet vehicles that run approximately 1,600 bus routes per day and travel more than 3.8 million miles per year. Remaining buses are required to support normal preventive maintenance, mechanical repairs and mandatory monthly safety inspections. Maintaining good buses is necessary to provide excellent transportation service; less downtime, high driver morale and increased student safety. To support the present and proposed number of schools for next school year and to remain uniform with the bus fleet, the District needs to purchase additional buses (N=approximately 20) via KISTA.

In order to purchase school buses on the state bid contract, 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 buses. This tax-exempt financing program has financed over 3,600 school buses totaling more than \$210 million dollars and FCPS has participated for over twenty (20) years. The estimated cost is based on forecasted interest rates.

Bus Replacement Cost:

Bus Type	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Transit Buses – Rear Engine			
Special Needs			
Options:			
A/C Special Needs			
A/C			
Window Tint			
Storage Compartments			
Camera Surveillance Systems			
Camera Surveillance Systems Sped			
AM/FM/PA Sped			
P/A System			
Back-Up Camera			
Total:			\$4,000,000*

*estimated costs associated with financing for the ten-year life of the bond issue.

PROPOSAL:

ITEM	AMOUNT	FUNDING SOURCE	RECURRING/NON	MEASURABLE IMPACT AND TIMELINE
Conventional Style (78 Passenger)		KISTA		
4 Special Needs		KISTA		
OPTIONS	AMOUNT	FUNDING SOURCE	RECURRING/NON	MEASURABLE IMPACT AND TIMELINE
Air Condition (A/C)		KISTA		
Window Tint		KISTA		
Storage Compartment		KISTA		
Camera Surveillance Systems		KISTA		
P/A Systems		KISTA		
Back-Up Cameras		KISTA		

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POLICY REFERENCE:

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RECOMMENDATION:

A Motion is in order to:

Authorize the Board Chairman and Secretary to execute the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) School Bus Purchase Authorization (PA-1) and Participation Resolution with the Kentucky Interlocal School Transportation Association (KISTA) for 20 buses for approximately \$4,000,000.