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To: Bigfork Board of Trustees

From Danny Walker

Subject: Activity Buses

I am recommending selling or trading in Bigfork's 2022 Thomas Activity Bus. If sold, we could possibly get \$125,000 or more private party (possibly to another school). If we were to trade in the bus, I have been told we could get \$100,000. I have done a lot of research on charter buses that carry up to 14 more passengers (56 passengers) and have up to 445 cu ft underneath storage capacity vs. Our bus that has a capacity of 44 passengers and only 96 cu ft of underneath storage. In addition our bus has a 6.7 liter engine vs. Charter buses have 13 liter engines which offer much more power for transporting more passengers and cargo.

I have found many coach buses that range from years 2012's to 2006. Prices ranging from \$45,000 on up to \$95,000. A new charter bus sells for approximately \$400,000 plus.

If approved to move forward on selling or trading in our 2022 Thomas Activity Bus we can start advertising the bus. Once it is sold or decided to be traded in for a coach bus I will present to the Board the purchase of the New/Used Activity Coach Bus.

If a new used coach bus is approved to purchase, do I look for a bus that costs the same value of what we sold our 2022 Thomas for or is there additional money on top of the cash we receive from the sale of the bus to purchase a newer and less mileage coach bus?

Sincerely

Danny Walker