## **BIGFORK PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT 38**

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To: Board of Trustees From: Danny Walker

Subject: New Route Bus Purchase

I am requesting Board approval for the purchase of a new Conventional Style Route Bus to replace the old bus 14. We are applying for the DEQ Grant which may be up to a \$20,000 rebate if approved. Old bus 14 is a 2007 non emission bus with over 109,000 miles. Old bus 14 will be scrapped as required by the DEQ requirements if approved. I have received 3 quotes for 80 passenger conventional school bus.

## The breakdown is as follows:

\* 2023 Bluebird 80 passenger conventional Cummins engine: \$ 126,250. \* 2023 International 80 passenger conventional Cummins engine: \$ 125,448.

\$ 150,125 \*2023 Thomas passenger conventional Cummins engine:

All buses are quoted with 3 point seat belts, extended stop arms, interior cameras and back up cameras. All buses will also have drop chains as well.

I recommend purchasing the International Bus this year. The 2023 International bus has much better safety features for the students and the driver vs. the Bluebird and the Thomas buses.

Sincerely,

Danny Walker