



## BIGFORK PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT 38

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and  
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March 1, 2023

To: Board of Trustees

From: Danny Walker

Subject: Replacement Wheelchair Lift Bus

I am requesting a wheelchair lift bus to take the place of bus 30 which was deemed salvage by Bigfork's Insurance Company on February 7, 2023. Bus 30 is a 2015 Bluebird bus with approximately 60k miles. Bus 30 estimate value was \$35-\$45k before the accident. The insurance company said we will be receiving a check for \$42,749 after the \$500 deductible.

I have found two 2014 Bluebird Buses with wheelchair lifts that have 76k miles. They are the same emission engine as bus 30. Cummins 6.7 with Allison Transmission. Both are equipped with air conditioning. They are asking \$46,000.

I recommend purchasing one of the two 2014 Bluebirds for \$46,000.

Sincerely:

Danny Walker

Transportation Director