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June 26, 2024

To: Board of Trustees
From: Danny Walker
Subject: Diesel School Bus Purchase

I am requesting to purchase a new Diesel School Bus for school year 23-24. Bigfork is acquiring route 13 back from a contractor who did not renew his contract for school year 24-25. I am recommending a new IC Bus from Harlow's Bus Sales. The new IC Bus will Cost the school \$160,000. Bigfork already has one IC Bus and it has proven to be a cost affective bus for Bigfork routes.

The breakdown is as follows:

2025 IC Bus 71 passenger with seat belts:	\$160,000
2025 Thomas 71 passenger with seat belts:	\$165,000

Sincerely,

Danny Walker
Transportation Director



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I am recommending Bigfork School District to purchase a second TYPE E school bus. Our current Type E school bus is a 2020 Ford Expedition with 68025 miles. Bigfork paid \$45,133.00 at that time. We travel twice a day to Evergreen to drop off and pick up Bigfork students during the school year and summer school this year. At times there are also students that need rides to and from school from shelters (homeless) in Kalispell which conflicts with the Evergreen Route.

We have two minivans. One which is a 2009 VW Minivan with 164637 miles. This vehicle is ok for short little local runs but on occasion it sticks in second gear. This vehicle's blue book value is \$2,670 to \$5,139 which can be sold at private parties. The funds from the sale of the VW will go into Drivers Ed as per Lacy.

The funds to purchase the Type E school bus will come from bus depreciation as it is classified as a "school bus". I have found new 2024 Type E vehicles starting at \$69,000. I think we can get into a 2020 Type E vehicle for under \$45,000.

Danny Walker
Transportation Director