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I am recommending to the School Board that we sell our 2007 Ford E350 Fifteen passenger van that has 88,168 miles and purchase a third 15 passenger minibus. Today's Blue Book value for the 2007 Ford E350 is \$8,900 to \$11,500 which could be used toward the purchase of the third minibus. With the constant shortage of drivers, our two minibusses have proven to be very useful with coaches or teachers transporting the teams. With the upcoming fall sports there will be conflicts with transportation only having two minibusses. Same goes with winter and spring sports. The Ford van is used during the fall and the spring but is not used during the winter as I feel it is not as safe as the minibusses. I have found many used minibusses just like the two we have in the \$55,000 price range. By adding a third minibus we will be able to get all our coaches and athletes to their events the safest way possible when the teams are small, and we are struggling for drivers.

Danny Walker
Transportation Director