

FY 2023 BUDGET: SCHOOL BOARD BUDGET WORKSHOP PRESENTATION

Building/Program: Facilities & Transportation

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What key issues and priorities are you trying to address in your proposed budget?
(Administrators identified the following three focus areas: maintain class sizes, increased student support, and maintaining adequate staffing)

This budget focuses on ensuring adequate staffing in transportation and in facilities. We are finding it challenging to cover all bus runs, along with managing to keep workers on the job. We are again requesting a bus driver/custodian to ensure that we have the necessary staff to clean schools and to cover bus runs.

How do these priorities align with the district’s four strategic objectives?

Goal 4.1 Ensure that all staff and students have quality facilities to meet their needs.
The requested bus driver/custodian will ensure that we maintain quality facilities.

Goal 4.4 Provide all students transportation that support their participation in curricular and co-curricular programs

Currently our bus fleet is at 23 buses with all of the models being from 2010 or newer. While finding bus drivers continues to be difficult, we started a bus driver training class one night a week at Freeport Middle School. Thus far we have had five students who are currently at different levels in the licensing process. Once these students obtain their license, we can put them into a drivers seat to help cover driver shortages. Although we have struggled to fill positions this year, we are hopeful that by offering the training, we will have enough applicants to fill the openings.

Staffing Adjustments to Budget in FY 22	Staffing Adjustments to Budget in FY 23
We requested a bus driver/custodian in 2022	We are requesting a full time bus driver/custodian to cover bus runs and custodial duties at various schools \$56,000

Other significant FY 23 requests in budget and need (Supplies, Equipment, etc).

There are increases in the prices for heating, (\$10,000) and paper products (\$11,050) in this budget.