

# MEMORANDUM



**To:** Dr. Douglas Howell, Superintendent  
**From:** Jonathan R. Balls, Director of Business Operations  
**Date:** January 17, 2023  
**RE:** School Bus Bid Awards

On January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, bids were opened for the purchase of four (4) new 77 passenger conventional school buses, two (2) 54 passenger bus, and two (2) gas powered 20 passenger school buses. Three (3) vendors were invited to bid. Bids from two (2) vendors were received as shown below. The lowest responsible bid for each project is highlighted.

Four (4) new 77-Passenger Conventional Style School Bus			
Vendor	Total Price	Less: Total Trade-In Allowance	Total Bid price
Rush Truck Center Twin Falls, Idaho	\$526,200	\$7,000	\$519,200
Western Mountain Bus Sales Nampa, Idaho	\$501,720	\$16,000	\$485,720
Two (2) new 54-Passenger Conventional Style School Bus with Wheelchair Lift			
Vendor	Total Price	Less: Total Trade-In Allowance	Total Bid price
Rush Truck Center Twin Falls, Idaho	\$303,960	\$4,500	\$299,460
Western Mountain Bus Sales Nampa, Idaho	\$269,288.	\$4,000	\$265,288
Two (2) new 20-Passenger Gas Powered School Buses			
Vendor	Total Price	Less: Total Trade-In Allowance	Total Bid price
Rush Truck Center Twin Falls, Idaho	N/A	N/A	N/A
Western Mountain Bus Sales Nampa, Idaho	\$190,664	\$5,000	\$185,664

**Board Action Requested:** Due to an over 21% increase in the 77 passenger school bus, it is recommended that we purchase three (3) new 77-passenger buses instead of the four (4) that was originally bid. Motion to award bid to Western Mountain Bus Sales, in the amount of \$361,290 for the three (3) new 77 passenger buses, \$265,288 for the two (2) new 54 passenger bus, and \$185,664 for the two (2) new 20 passenger gas powered school buses. The total award is \$812,242. This represents the lowest responsible bids for the project. The total bid award is approximately \$132,768 over the estimated 2023-2024 Capital Improvement budget of \$679,474.