

**SCHOOL BUS REPLACEMENT PLAN
FOR THE YEARS 2024 - 2028**

Pursuant to IC 20-40-18, Rossville Consolidated School District does hereby submit to the Department of Local Government Finance the following School Bus Replacement Plan for the five (5) year period 2024 through 2028. This plan is based upon the presumption that the minimum useful life of a school bus is not less than twelve (12) years.

**SECTION I
Replacement Cost of Bus/Vehicle During Specific Year**

	Bus Description	Corp ID Number	Type of Bus/Vehicle per DOE "TN"	Owned or Leased	Estimated Replacement Costs				
					2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
1	Thomas Rear Engine	15	D	Owned	160,000				
2	IC Conventional School Bus	04	C	Owned		128,000			
3	IC Wheelchair Conventional Bus	17	C	Owned			150,000		
4	IC Conventional School Bus	06	C	Owned			130,000		
5	MyBus - Thomas (Gas)	20	A	Owned				100,000	
6	IC Conventional School Bus	11	D	Owned					180,000
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Replacement Cost Totals					160000	128000	280000	100000	180000

SECTION II
JUSTIFICATION FOR ADDITIONAL BUS PURCHASES, TRANSPORTATION SERVICES,
AND/OR EARLY BUS REPLACEMENT

1. Pursuant to IC 20-40-18-9(2)(A), if the School Corporation is seeking to acquire or contract for transportation services that will provide for additional school buses or buses with a larger seating capacity as compared to the number and type of school buses from the prior school year, explain for each additional bus and the circumstances of the demand for increased transportation services within the School Corporation.

The Rossville Consolidated School District, like other districts in the state, faces transportation challenges, such as the requirement for drivers with Commercial Driver's Licenses (CDL) and dealing with fluctuations in the student population. Last year, the district intended to replace Bus #15, an 84-passenger rear-engine school bus. They also acknowledged the potential need for a Type A school bus to accommodate special routing for foster students, homeless students, or alternative routes due to road closures.

However, the district's requirements changed, and ordered a Type A school bus instead of the 84-passenger rear-engine school bus. The expected arrival of the new bus is August or September 2023; once it arrives, Bus #3 will be traded for this new Type A bus. In April 2023, due to a road closure, there was an immediate need for a Type A bus. Rossville Schools found a used Type A bus, and in exchange, they traded Bus # 19, paying a total cost of \$2,250. This purchase aimed to facilitate transportation for students affected by road closures and limited access to the usual student pick-up and drop-off points.

Although the district acknowledged the need to replace Bus #15, it was retained because the student population on its route had increased. The plan is to replace Bus #15 during the 2024 budget cycle.

2. Pursuant to IC 20-40-18-9(4), if the School Corporation is seeking to replace an existing school bus earlier than twelve (12) years after the existing school bus was originally acquired or requires a contractor to replace a school bus, explain for each bus the circumstances for that need.

The bus we are seeking replacement is greater than 12 years old.

BUS REPLACEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT

If the school corporation is submitting an amended plan, please complete the following questions.

1. Declare the nature of and the need for the amendment.

The Rossville Consolidated School District intended to replace Bus #15, an 84-passenger rear-engine school bus. We also acknowledged the potential need for a Type A school bus to accommodate special routing for foster students, homeless students, or alternative routes due to road closures.

The district's requirements changed as the 72-passenger bus assigned to Route 1 was not of big enough capacity to transport the children on the route. Therefore, Bus # 15 was taken from the spare classification and placed on the route to accommodate the number of students transported and was no longer scheduled to be traded. We ordered a Type A school bus instead of the 84-passenger rear-engine school bus. The expected arrival of the new bus is August or September 2023; once it arrives, Bus # 3 will be traded for this new Type A bus. In April 2023, due to a road closure, there was an immediate need for a Type A bus. The district found a used Type A bus and, in exchange, traded Bus # 19, paying a total cost of \$2,250. This purchase aimed to facilitate transportation for students affected by road closures and limited access to the usual student pick-up and drop-off points.

Although the district acknowledged the need to replace Bus #15, it was retained because the student population along its route and the need for a Type A bus had increased. The plan is to replace Bus #15 during the 2024 budget cycle.

2. Show cause as to why the original plan no longer meets the needs of the school corporation.

Due to the high number of riders on Route 1, Bus # 15 was assigned to the route as the original bus couldn't accommodate everyone. A Type A school bus was necessary to handle road closures and narrow, curvy roads. This change in plans resulted in Bus # 3 being traded instead of Bus # 15, while Bus # 19 was traded to make space for the Type A bus. These adjustments were made without increasing the fleet or incurring additional expenses to accommodate the equipment changes.

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT BUS REPLACEMENT PLAN
Budget Year 2024**

This resolution is adopted by the Board of Trustees of the School Corporation below:

School Corporation Name: Rossville Consolidated School District
County: Clinton

WHEREAS, A School Bus Replacement Plan has been established; and
WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is required under IC 20-40-18-9 to adopt a plan for the School Bus Replacement Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees held a public hearing on the plan date and place below:

Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 5, 2023
Meeting Location: Rossville Schools Library, 1 Robert Egly Drive, Rossville, IN

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees that the plan entitled "Bus Replacement Plan" this resolution, and is adopted as the Board of Trustees' Plan with respect to the School Bus Replacement Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees shall submit a certified copy of this resolution to the Department of Local Government Finance as required by IC 20-40-18-9.

Adoption Date: Tuesday, October 3, 2023

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Attest: _____

Secretary of Board of School Trustees

Replacement Cost of Bus/Vehicle During Specific Year

No. of Buses	Bus Description	Corp ID No.	Year	Operating Status	Type of Bus/Vehicle per DOE "TN"	Owned or Leased	Estimated Replacement Costs																
							2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	2037	2038	2039	
1	Thomas Pusher	15	2009	Spare	D	Owned	160,000														165,000		
2	IC	04	2010	Spare	C	Owned		128,000															168,000
3	IC (WC - 55,636 New Engine)	17	2011	DeHaven	C	Owned			150,000														
4	IC	06	2013	Spare	C	Owned			130,000														
5	MyBus - Thomas (Gas)	20	2015	Activity	A	Owned				100,000													
6	IC	11	2014	Schneider, Eric	D	Owned					180,000												
7	IC	01	2015	Luper	C	Owned						135,000											
8	IC (78 Passenger)	07	2016	Schneider, B.	C	Owned							140,000										
9	IC (78 Passenger)	16	2016	Hufford	C	Owned							140,000										
10	Thomas Pusher	10	2017	Walker	D	Owned								190,000									
11	MyBus - Thomas (Gas)	21	2018	Activity	A	Owned									108,000								
12	IC	8	2018	Dickerson	C	Owned									148,000								
13	Starcraft	23	2018	Activity	A	Owned										110,000							
14	MyBus - Thomas (Gas)	22	2020	Activity	A	Owned										110,000							
15	IC	02	2019	Miller, Rodney	C	Owned											156,000						
16	IC (Wheelchair Lift)	18	2021	Spare WC	C	Owned											170,000						
17	Thomas Pusher	14	2021	Disinger	D	Owned												200,000					
18	MyBus-Thomas (Gas)	24	2022	Activity	A	Owned															160,000		
19	MyBus - School Bus (Gas)	19	2023	Small Bus	A	Owned															160,000		
20																							
Replacement Cost Totals							160,000	128,000	280,000	100,000	180,000	135,000	280,000	190,000	256,000	220,000	156,000	170,000	200,000	320,000	165,000	168,000	