

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

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Notice is hereby given to taxpayers of **M.S.D. BLUFFTON-HARRISON SCHOOL CORPORATION, Wells County, Indiana** that the proper officers of **M.S.D. of Bluffton-Harrison** will conduct a public hearing on the year **2025** budget. Following this meeting, any ten or more taxpayers may object to a budget, tax rate, or tax levy by filing an objection petition with the proper officers of **M.S.D. of Bluffton-Harrison** not more than seven days after the hearing. The objection petition must identify the provisions of the budget, tax rate, or tax levy to which taxpayers object. If a petition is filed, **M.S.D. of Bluffton-Harrison** shall adopt with the budget a finding concerning the objections in the petition and testimony presented. Following the aforementioned hearing, the proper officers of **M.S.D. of Bluffton-Harrison** will meet to adopt the following budget:

Public Hearing Date	Monday, September 16, 2024	Adoption Meeting Date	Monday, October 14, 2024
Public Hearing Time	6:00 PM	Adoption Meeting Time	6:00 PM
Public Hearing Location	805 East Harrison Street Bluffton, Indiana 46714	Adoption Meeting Location	805 East Harrison Street Bluffton, Indiana 46714
Est. School Operations Max Levy	\$2,936,234		
Property Tax Cap Credit Estimate	\$28,000		

1 Fund Name	2 Budget Estimate	3 Maximum Estimated Funds to be Raised (including appeals and levies exempt from maximum levy limitations)	4 Excessive Levy Appeals	5 Current Tax Levy	6 Levy Percentage Difference (Column 3 / Column 5)
0061-RAINY DAY	\$400,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
0180-DEBT SERVICE	\$3,964,000	\$3,812,387	\$0	\$2,842,378	34.13%
3101-EDUCATION	\$14,729,351	\$0	\$0	\$0	
3300-OPERATIONS	\$5,066,925	\$3,436,912	\$0	\$2,802,180	22.65%
Totals	\$24,160,276	\$7,249,299	\$0	\$5,644,558	

Pursuant to IC 20-40-18-6, the **M.S.D. of Bluffton-Harrison** plan contains a listing of all proposed projects that are capital in nature that exceed \$10,000 that are expected to begin within the three years immediately following the year the plan was adopted.

Capital Project Plan Adoption Date: **10/14/2024**

	Project Description*	Estimated Start Date	Estimated End Date	Estimated Project Cost
1	Middle School Parking Lot Sealant	1/1/2025	12/31/2025	\$ 50,000.00
2	High School Cafetorium Stage Refinishing	1/1/2025	12/31/2025	\$ 50,000.00
3	Transportation Facility Parking lot Sealant	1/1/2025	12/31/2025	\$ 25,000.00
4	High School Parking Lot Improvements	1/1/2025	12/31/2026	\$ 1,000,000.00
5	Middle School Gym Refinishing	1/1/2025	12/31/2026	\$ 100,000.00
6	Elementary School Playground Improvements	1/1/2025	12/31/2026	\$ 500,000.00
7	Elementary School Parking Lot Sealant	1/1/2025	12/31/2026	\$ 50,000.00
8	Elementary School Preschool Improvement	1/1/2025	12/31/2026	\$ 50,000.00
9	High School Carpet Replacement	1/1/2025	12/31/2027	\$ 100,000.00
10	Middle School Classroom Carpet Replacement	1/1/2025	12/31/2028	\$ 250,000.00
11	Central Office Parking Lot Sealant	1/1/2026	12/31/2026	\$ 15,000.00
12	Middle School Restroom Updates	1/1/2026	12/31/2028	\$ 250,000.00
13	Middle School Upper Gym Floor Replacement	1/1/2026	12/31/2028	\$ 250,000.00
14	Elementary School Gym Refinishing	1/1/2027	12/31/2027	\$ 75,000.00
15	High School Parking Lot Sealant	1/1/2028	12/31/2028	\$ 50,000.00
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Note: Project Description may include a description of the project including physical location, scope of work, and/or internal project name or tracking number.
Additional sheets may be added if necessary

Pursuant to IC 20-40-18-6, the **M.S.D. of Bluffton-Harrison** plan contains a listing of all proposed capital expenditures that exceed \$10,000 that are expected to be acquired within the three years immediately following the year the plan was adopted.

Capital Project Plan Adoption Date:

10/14/2024

	Asset Description*		Acquisition Amount
1	Baseball/Softball Improvements	\$	100,000.00
2	Network Systems/Infrastructure	\$	250,000.00
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Note: The description may include a physical description of the asset and/or any applicable make, model, manufacturer, or VIN Number if applicable.

Additional sheets may be added if necessary

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND PLAN
Budget Year 2025**

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

School Corporation Name: M.S.D. of Bluffton-Harrison
County: Wells

WHEREAS, A Capital Project Plan has been established; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is required under IC 20-40-18-6 to adopt a plan for the Capital Project Plan; and

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

Meeting Date: 16-Sep-24
Meeting Location: 805 East Harrison Street Bluffton, Indiana 46714

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees that the plan entitled "2025 Capital Project Plan" this resolution, and is adopted as the Board of Trustees' Plan with respect to the Capital Project 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 20-40-18-6.

Adoption Date: 14-Oct-24

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Attest: _____

Secretary of Board of School Trustees

**SCHOOL BUS REPLACEMENT PLAN
FOR THE YEARS 2025 - 2029**

Pursuant to IC 20-40-18, **M.S.D. of Bluffton-Harrison** does hereby submit to the Department of Local Government Finance the following School Bus Replacement Plan for the five (5) year period 2025 through 2029. 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				
					2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
1	2012 #8	8445		Owned	150000				
2	2012 #17	8445		Owned	150000				
3	2012 #16	8445		Owned		165000			
4	2014 #4	8445		Owned		165000			
5	2014 #5	8445		Owned			181500		
6	2015 #9	8445		Owned			181500		
7	2015 #10	8445		Owned				199650	
8	2016 #15	8445		Owned				199650	
9	2016 #35	8445		Owned					219615
10	2016 #14	8445		Owned					219615
11	2017 #11	8445		Owned					
12	2017 #12	8445		Owned					
13	2017 #36	8445		Owned					
14	2017 #37	8445		Owned					
15	2018 #7	8445		Owned					
16	2018 #30	8445		Owned					
17	2022 #19	8445		Owned					
18	2023 #20	8445		Owned					
19	2023 #21	8445		Owned					
20	2024 #3	8445		Owned					
21	2024 #6	8445		Owned					
22	2025 #2	8445		Owned					
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Replacement Cost Totals					300000	330000	363000	399300	439230

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

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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.

(Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

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.

(Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

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.

(Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

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

(Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT BUS REPLACEMENT PLAN
Budget Year 2025**

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

School Corporation Name: M.S.D. of Bluffton-Harrison
County: Wells

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: 16-Sep-24
Meeting Location: 805 East Harrison Street Bluffton, Indiana 46714

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: 14-Oct-24

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Secretary of Board of School Trustees