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To: Dr. Dale Ellis
From: Matthew Woodard

Re: Use of Old Activity Buses for Fire/Rescue Training and Subsequent Salvage

Dr. Ellis:

With your approval, may the Board please consider allowing the former West and East High activity buses to be used for a fire/rescue training exercise. Montgomery Community College has requested the buses as an integral part of a local first responder training exercise on their campus in late August 2023.

As part of the exercise, the buses will be damaged by fire. Thereafter, MCC will be responsible for removal and delivery of the buses to a salvage yard. The revenue collected from the value of the scrap metal will be returned to Montgomery County Schools. It is estimated the bus salvage will generate $1000.00 per vehicle.

The buses were purchased with local dollars and served the high schools for decades. They have not been operational since 2018. They are not mechanical operable, and it is the opinion of the MCS Transportation Department that given the age, condition, and the availability of the newer activity buses, the old buses have no foreseeable use for the district.

While it is conceivable that the buses could be sold for slightly more than the salvage value, we feel the overall value of the MCC training for local first responders supports the decision to participate and subsequently scrap sale the buses. Last year, the Department of Public Instruction donated three of our decommissioned State-owned yellow buses for this same program.

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Thank you and the Board for considering this request.