



Proposition #3 – School Bus Purchases

Through the years the District has been committed to maintaining a replacement schedule for its buses. There are two main reasons for this. The first is to maintain a safe fleet of buses to transport our students. Secondly, it makes for sound budgeting practices as we are trying to keep the state transportation aid we receive for buses in line with the cost of the buses. This year we are asking for approval to purchase three buses as follows:

One 65 passenger bus at a cost of \$107,444 with trade in – This bus will replace bus #83 which is approximately 11 years old with close to 110,000 miles on it. The body of this bus is at a stage where it will start to deteriorate soon. This will create a need for costly repairs that we are not able to make in house.

One 2017 Chevrolet Impala at a cost of \$20,714 – This vehicle will replace a 2009 Chevrolet Impala with approximately 125,000 miles on it. It is not expected to pass another NYSDOT inspection and is anticipated to be out of service the end of May.

One 2017 Dodge Caravan at a cost of \$21,022 – This vehicle will replace a 2011 Dodge Caravan which will have approximately 125,000 miles on it by the fall. This vehicle has been having problems with the drive train components and is corroding. Essentially, it is not reliable.

The total cost of the three buses is \$148,180. The estimated local share on these buses, after state aid, is \$35,563. For every \$1 spent on a bus purchase the District receives approximately 76 cents back in transportation aid from New York State.