



School Bus Purchase

The 2021-2122 budget provides a line item for the purchase of a 65 passenger IC Bus. The cost of the bus is \$126,891.17. The budget appropriates an amount from reserves to cover the cost of the bus. As a result there will not be an increase in the tax levy to cover the cost of the bus. NYS provides direct aid to schools for transportation expenses. For every dollar spent on the bus purchase we will receive 76.5 cents back from NYS. This reduces the local cost to approximately \$30,000. Bus #88, a 2008 International with over 112,000 miles will be retired.

The District is approximately 64 square miles in size. We have five regular bus runs as well as bus runs that transport our students with special needs. It is a top priority for the Board of Education and school administration to keep the students safe going to and from school.

Transportation Reserve

The school budget and election vote will consists of a second proposition to create a Transportation Reserve up to an amount of \$750,000. This will allow the board to create a savings account for the purchase of school buses and other vehicles that transport students. Once the board of education transfers money into this account they will need voter approval to use it. The District is not allowed to replenish the reserve after funds are used to purchase a bus. The life of the reserve account is five years. In order to establish a new transportation reserve after five years, the District would need voter approval. Having a transportation reserve makes sense as it allows the District to further manage its resources and create a long term plan for bus purchases.