

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

Complete details of the Bus Replacement plan may be seen by visiting the website of this unit of government at the following address: www.zcs.k12.in.us/apps/pages/budgets (until Sept. 1, 2025) or www.zcs.k12.in.us/departments/finance/budgets (beginning Sept. 2, 2025)

Notice is hereby given to taxpayers of **Zionsville Community Schools** that the proper officers of **Zionsville Community Schools** will conduct a public hearing on the year **2026** proposed Bus Replacement Plan pursuant to IC 20-40-18. Following the public hearing, the proper officers of **Zionsville Community Schools** may adopt the proposed plan as presented or with revisions.

Public Hearing Date:	Sept. 8, 2025
Public Hearing Time:	6:00 PM
Public Hearing Place:	Education Services Center, 900 Mulberry St, Zionsville, IN 46077

Taxpayers are invited to attend the meeting for a detailed explanation of the plan and to exercise their rights to be heard on the proposed plan. If the proposed plan is adopted by resolution, the resolution will be submitted to the Department of Local Government Finance as per IC 20-40-18-9(d).

**SCHOOL BUS REPLACEMENT PLAN
FOR THE YEARS 2026 - 2030**

Pursuant to IC 20-40-18, **Zionsville Community Schools** does hereby submit to the Department of Local Government Finance the following School Bus Replacement Plan for the five (5) year period 2026 through 2030. 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				
					2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
1	IC - CE - 78	24	C	Owned	170,130				
2	IC - CE - 78	25	C	Owned	170,130				
3	IC - CE - 78	26	C	Owned	170,130				
4	IC - CE - 78	27	C	Owned	170,130				
5	IC - CE - 78	28	C	Owned	170,130				
6	BB CV 2311A	21	C	Owned	170,130				
7	BB CV 3507S	29	C	Owned	170,130				
8	BB CV 3507S	30	C	Owned	170,130				
9	BB CV 2311A	31	C	Owned		182,039			
10	Chev. Micro Bird G5	12	C	Owned		182,039			
11	BB CV 3507S	22	C	Owned		182,039			
12	BB CV 2610	32	C	Owned		182,039			
13	BB CV 2610S	33	C	Owned		182,039			
14	BB CV 3507	34	C	Owned		182,039			
15	BB CV 3507S	35	C	Owned			194,782		
16	BB CV 3507S	36	C	Owned			194,782		
17	BB CV 3507S	37	C	Owned			194,782		
18	BB CV 3507S	38	C	Owned			194,782		
19	BB CV 3507S	39	C	Owned			194,782		
20	BB CV 3507S	4	C	Owned			194,782		
21	BB CV 3507S	40	C	Owned			194,782		
22	BB CV 3507S	42	C	Owned			194,782		
23	BB CV 3507S	43	C	Owned			194,782		
24									
25									
Replacement Cost Totals					1,361,040	1,092,235	1,753,037	-	-

Note: Additional sheets may be added if necessary.

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1	BB CV 3507S	44	C	Owned				208,417	
2	BB CV 3507S	45	C	Owned				208,417	
3	BB CV 2610S	67	C	Owned				208,417	
4	BB CV 3507S	46	C	Owned				208,417	
5	BB CV 3507S	47	C	Owned				208,417	
6	BB CV 3507S	48	C	Owned				208,417	
7	BB CV 3507S	49	C	Owned				208,417	
8	BB CV 3507S	60	C	Owned				208,417	
9	BB CV 3507S	61	C	Owned				208,417	
10	BB CV 3507S	62	C	Owned					223,006
11	BB CV 3507S	63	C	Owned					223,006
12	BB CV 3507S	64	C	Owned					223,006
13	BB CV 3507S	65	C	Owned					223,006
14	BB CV 3507S	66	C	Owned					223,006
15	BB CV 3507S	1	C	Owned					223,006
16	BB CV 3507S	3	C	Owned					223,006
17	BB CV 3507S	5	C	Owned					223,006
18	BB CV 3507S	6	C	Owned					223,006
19	RBBB2VOCVMHD	8	C	Owned					223,006
20	BB CV 3507S	9	C	Owned					223,006
21									
22									
23									
24		Replacement Cost Totals			-	-	-	1,875,749	2,453,063
25									
Grand Total Replacement Cost All Pages					1,361,040	1,092,235	1,753,037	1,875,749	2,453,063

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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 student population of Zionsville Community Schools is projected to continue to increase by approximately 100-180 students each year. This prediction has again been affirmed by our most recent update of our demographic study conducted by Indiana University's Kelly School of Business. Accordingly, we have ordered buses in recent years under the plan to grow our fleet and replace some of our oldest buses in need of retirement in an effort to maintain our fleet at a vehicle age of 12 or younger. At our present rate of enrollment growth, which the IU study predicts will continue for the foreseeable future, we expect that we will need to add an as of yet unknown number of additional buses (currently projected to be two additional buses per year, dependent upon routing needs) to our fleet each year from 2026 through 2030.

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.

Zionsville Community Schools currently does not replace earlier than the estimated useful life of 12 years unless the bus became unoperable. Our current replacement plan continues to focus on maintaining a fleet with buses at the 12 year useful life.