

**ELKHART
COMMUNITY
SCHOOLS**

**BUS REPLACEMENT
PLAN**

2026 - 2030

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

Pursuant to IC 20-40-18, Elkhart 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	THOMAS/C2	29	C	Owned	\$ 197,000				
2	THOMAS/C2	35	C	Owned	\$ 197,000				
3	THOMAS/C2	41	C	Owned	\$ 197,000				
4	BLUEBIRD/VISION	67	C	Owned	\$ 174,000				
5	THOMAS/C2	112	C	Owned	\$ 174,000				
6	THOMAS/Safe-T-Liner	36	D	Owned	\$ 219,000				
7	THOMAS/Safe-T-Liner	37	D	Owned	\$ 219,000				
8	THOMAS/Safe-T-Liner	39	D	Owned	\$ 219,000				
9	BLUEBIRD/VISION	76	C	Owned	\$ 174,000				
10	BLUEBIRD/VISION	134	C	Owned	\$ 174,000				
11	THOMAS/C2	54	C	Owned	\$ 174,000				
12	THOMAS/C2	146	C	Owned	\$ 174,000				
13	THOMAS/C2	33	C	Owned		\$ 202,910			
14	THOMAS/C2	60	C	Owned		\$ 202,910			
15	THOMAS/C2	31	C	Owned		\$ 202,910			
16	THOMAS/Safe-T-Liner	40	D	Owned		\$ 225,570			
17	THOMAS/Safe-T-Liner	46	D	Owned		\$ 225,570			
18	THOMAS/Safe-T-Liner	50	D	Owned		\$ 225,570			
19	THOMAS/C2	70	C	Owned		\$ 179,220			
20	THOMAS/C2	137	C	Owned		\$ 179,220			
21	THOMAS/C2	90	C	Owned		\$ 179,220			
22	THOMAS/C2	139	C	Owned		\$ 179,200			
23	THOMAS/C2	140	C	Owned		\$ 179,200			
24	THOMAS/C2	69	C	Owned		\$ 179,200			
25	IC Bus/CE Series	10	C	Owned			\$ 208,997		
26	IC Bus/CE Series	12	C	Owned			\$ 208,997		
27	THOMAS/Safe-T-Liner	45	D	Owned			\$ 232,337		
28	THOMAS/Safe-T-Liner	48	C	Owned			\$ 232,337		
29	THOMAS/C2	79	C	Owned			\$ 187,597		
30	IC Bus/CE Series	4	C	Owned			\$ 187,597		
31	IC Bus/CE Series	5	C	Owned			\$ 187,597		
32	IC Bus/CE Series	8	C	Owned			\$ 187,597		
33	IC Bus/CE Series	20	C	Owned			\$ 187,597		
34	THOMAS/C2	62	C	Owned			\$ 187,597		
35	THOMAS/C2	68	C	Owned			\$ 187,597		
36	THOMAS/C2	77	C	Owned			\$ 187,597		
37	CHEVY/THOMAS	97	A	Owned				\$ 136,591	
38	CHEVY/THOMAS	99	A	Owned				\$ 136,591	
39	IC Bus/CE Series	53	C	Owned				\$ 190,135	
40	IC Bus/CE Series	57	C	Owned				\$ 190,135	
41	IC Bus/CE Series	47	C	Owned				\$ 190,135	
42	IC Bus/RE Series	95	C	Owned				\$ 190,135	
43	IC Bus/RE Series	94	C	Owned				\$ 190,135	
44	IC Bus/CE Series	15	C	Owned				\$ 190,135	
45	IC Bus/CE Series	22	C	Owned				\$ 190,135	
46	IC Bus/CE Series	52	C	Owned				\$ 190,135	
47	THOMAS/C2	87	C	Owned				\$ 190,135	
48	IC Bus/CE Series	92	C	Owned				\$ 190,135	
49	IC Bus/CE Series	16	C	Owned					\$ 221,725
50	IC Bus/CE Series	74	C	Owned					\$ 221,725
51	IC Bus/RE Series	106	D	Owned					\$ 246,486
52	IC Bus/CE Series	26	C	Owned					\$ 221,725
53	IC Bus/CE Series	18	C	Owned					\$ 195,839
54	IC Bus/CE Series	24	C	Owned					\$ 195,839
55	IC Bus/CE Series	58	C	Owned					\$ 195,839
56	IC Bus/CE Series	56	C	Owned					\$ 195,839
57	IC Bus/CE Series	59	C	Owned					\$ 195,839
58	IC Bus/CE Series	66	C	Owned					\$ 195,839
59	IC Bus/CE Series	117	C	Owned					\$ 195,839
60	IC Bus/CE Series	120	C	Owned					\$ 195,839
Replacement Cost Totals					\$ 2,292,000.00	\$ 2,360,700.00	\$ 2,383,441.60	\$ 2,174,526.76	\$ 2,478,370.47

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.

(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.)

SCHOOL 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 A SCHOOL BUS REPLACEMENT PLAN
Budget Year 2026**

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

School Corporation Name:	Elkhart Community Schools
County:	Elkhart County

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:	October 14, 2025
Meeting Location:	2720 California Road, Elkhart Indiana 46514

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees that the plan entitled "School 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:	October 28, 2025
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Secretary of Board of School Trustees