

New Lebanon CSD Bus Presentation

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Our Current Bus Fleet:

BUS #	Year	Size	Mileage
10	2023	66 Passenger	25,029
11	2023	66 Passenger	13,208
12	2023	66 Passenger	25,042
13	2023	Wheelchair Van	5,786
14	2024	66 Passenger	16,729
15	2024	66 Passenger	14,122
16- Delivered On August 2	2024	30 Passenger	374
17- Delivered On August 2	2024	30 Passenger	414
18- Delivered On August 2	2024	30 Passenger	360
133	2011	Suburban	179,248
136- Given to Maintenance	2011	Suburban	131,866
142	2013	Suburban	90,674
144	2014	30 Passenger Van	107,786
145	2014	30 Passenger Van	111,739
146	2015	Suburban	93,126
147	2015	Suburban	86,481
148	2018	66 Passenger	102,661
149	2018	30 Passenger	65,375
150	2018	66 Passenger	63,706
151	2020	30 Passenger Van	39,033
152	2018	66 Passenger	53,855

NEW BUSES



Noticings:

- It is good practice to maintain a fleet of vehicles that are still under warranty and under 120,000 miles. This keeps maintenance costs down, and we typically get better trade in/auction values
- Typically warranties expire after 100,000 miles
- We currently have 5 vehicles over 100,000 miles
- We are getting back on track with our bus replacement program
- There is a continual increase in students requiring special transportation based on special education needs

Maintaining Our Fleet:

- The district continues using an undercoating on all buses that will help prevent rust and deterioration with the goal of increasing the lifespan of vehicles
- We have a new hot water pressure washer with a floor attachment to clean buses thoroughly
- Our mechanic went to Tulsa, OK for some updated training on our 66 passenger buses

Bonding Buses

- The board of education and district is committed to bonding buses to support the timely replacement of our transportation fleet.
- This past May our voters approved three new buses with a 73% majority.
- Our three new 30 passenger vans arrived in last week ready to pick up students.
- Going forward we recommend that we continue to bond buses.
- To ensure that we have the new buses in a timely manner, we should get our new bus orders in ASAP.
- We would ask for the board's approval by September so that we can put our order in ASAP with the goal of a Summer 2025 delivery (based on community bond approval).

2023-2024 Mileages

- Our buses traveled a total of 196,567 miles last year
- Our 8-66 passenger buses traveled an average of 10,870 miles, an increase of 500 miles
- Our 7-22 & 30 passenger vans traveled an average of 11,796 miles, an increase of 2,472 miles due to the increase of IEP demands
- Our 5 suburbans traveled an average of 5,986 miles, a decrease of 706 miles
- Sports Mileage- 15,416, an increase of 6,209 miles
- Field trip Mileage- 2,851 a decrease of 651
- Our In-District buses traveled an average of 17,126 miles, the longest route is 126 miles per day, the shortest is 95 miles per day

Recommendations:

School Year	Purchase	What It Will Replace
2025 - 2026	2 - 30 Passenger 2 - Minivans	Van 144 & Van 145 Bus # 133 & 136
2026 - 2027	1 - 66 Passenger 1 - Wheelchair Van 1 - 30 Passenger	Bus 148 Van 189 Van 149
2027 - 2028	1 - 66 Passenger 2 - 30 Passenger	Bus 150 Van 151 & Suburban 142
2028-2029	1- Suburban 1- 66 Passenger	Suburban 146 Bus 152

Approx. Bus Cost:

- \$95,000 - 30 passenger Bus
- \$166,000 - 66 Passenger Bus
- \$48,000 - Mini-Van

Planning for 2025-2026

**Recommendation that we plan to bond 2 new 30 passenger buses and
2 Minivans (We plan to research hybrids to help with overall costs)**

**This will continue our mission of maintaining a fleet of vehicles that stay within recommended mileage
and condition**

Can the board commit to this so we can order these new buses?

Questions and Thoughts

