

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

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To: Board of Education Members

From: Mary Taylor

Subject: Bus Lease

Background

We are looking at our bus renewal lease. If we renew our bus lease with Midwest Transit Equipment for fiscal year 2012, the cost of the lease is approximately 2% more than last year for the 71 passenger bus. The buses we will receive have an additional piece of equipment on them (Ventech heater) which allows them to warm up more quickly and more efficiently at a cost of \$200 per bus. Even though this is an additional cost up front, this heater reduces idle time which in turn will reduce gasoline consumption. The smaller special education bus lease will increase 3% and the wheel chair bus lease price will remain the same as last year. The overall increase in the total lease will be approximately 3.6%. Included in this price are the new heaters and the installation of all of our radio equipment.

Since we will be keeping the same arrival and departure schedules for next year we will be leasing the same amount of large buses plus an additional wheel chair bus for special education transportation.

We will need the Board to decide if you want to bid this or if you want to simply do a renewal.