

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

Complete details of the Bus Replacement Fund plan may be seen by visiting the website of this unit of government at the following address: www.decaturo.k12.in.us

Notice is hereby given to taxpayers of Decatur County Community Schools that the proper officers of Decatur County Community Schools will conduct a public hearing on the year 2025 proposed Bus Replacement Plan pursuant to IC 20-40-18. Following the public hearing, the proper officers of Decatur County Community Schools may adopt the proposed plan as presented or with revisions.

Public Hearing Date: August 26, 2026

Public Hearing Time: 6:00 PM

Public Hearing Place: Central Office, 2020 N Montgomery Road

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 2027-2031**

Pursuant to IC 20-40-18, **Decatur County Community Schools** does hereby submit to the Department of Local Government Finance the following School Bus Replacement Plan for the five (5) year period 2027 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				
					2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
1	Starcraft	NX-2	Act-A-2	Owned	100000				
2	IC-SE	10-50	C	Owned				100000	
3	IC-Spare	10-43	C	Owned				100000	
4	IC-Spare	10-48	C	Owned					100000
5	Freightliner	10-40	C	Owned					100000
6	IC-Spare	12-19	C	Owned			100000		
7	IC-SE	12-14	C	Owned					100000
8	IC-Spare	12-13	C	Owned	100000				
9	IC-SE	12-20	C	Owned			100000		
10	Starcraft	NX-3	Act-A-2	Owned		100000			
11	IC-SE	14-09	C	Owned					100000
12	Starcraft	SX-3	Act-A-2	Owned				100000	
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Replacement Cost Totals					200000	100000	200000	300000	400000

SECTION II
JUSTIFICATION FOR ADDITIONAL BUS PURCHASES, TRANSPORTATION SERVICES,
AND/OR EARLY BUS REPLACEMENT

1. Pursuant to IC 20-40-18-9(b)(2), if the School Corporation is seeking to (A) acquire or (B) 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. Clause (B) does not apply if contracted transportation services are not paid from the Operations Fund.

(Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

Due to consolidating routes and budget cuts, we did not purchase buses in 2026. Due to the increased demand from extra-curricular activities, we also plan to purchase an additional mini yellow bus in 2026 and in 2029. Due to the consolidated routes, we will have more students on routes and may also need to purchase buses with larger seating capacity.

2. Pursuant to IC 20-40-18-9(b)(3), 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. This subdivision does not apply if contracted transportation services are not paid from the Operations Fund.

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