

# *West Lafayette Community School Corporation*

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TO: Dr. Shawn Greiner, Superintendent  
Board of School Trustees

FROM: Michelle Cronk, CFO

DATE: December 2, 2024

RE: Bus Purchase

The Transportation Department has requested the purchase of a 78-passenger gas conventional bus for budget year 2025. Doug Caldwell, the Transportation Director, recently obtained bids from the Central Indiana Educational Service Center which provides the service of obtaining bids on various items that school corporations might need. The results of the bid are included in your board packets. The bus is not expected to be delivered until the latter part of 2025 at this time due to supply issues.

Only two companies are currently producing 78-passenger conventional gas busses—Blue Bird and IC/Collins. Of the two, Blue Bird came in the lowest with a base price of \$141,351 and a built-out price of \$169,278. As indicated on the bus replacement plan for 2024, we will be trading in bus 3312 with this purchase.

Please approve the recommendation to purchase the Bluebird bus at the cost of \$169,278 so that we can place the order for delivery in 2025. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to let me know.