

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 27, 2025

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 2026 - 2030**

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 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	Starcraft	NX-2	Act-A-2	Owned	100,000				
2	IC-Spare	12-19	C	Owned	100,000				
3	IC-SE	12-20	C	Owned	100,000				
4	IC-SE	10-50	C	Owned		110,000			
5	IC-Spare	10-43	C	Owned		110,000			
6	IC-Spare	10-48	C	Owned		110,000			
7	Starcraft	NX-3	Act-A-2	Owned		100,000			
8	Freightliner	10-40	C	Owned			120,000		
9	IC-SE	12-14	C	Owned			120,000		
10	IC-Spare	12-13	C	Owned			120,000		
11	Starcraft	SX-3	Act-A-2	Owned			110,000		
12	IC-SE	14-09	C	Owned				130,000	
13	Bluebird	17-45	C	Owned				130,000	
14	IC	17-37	C	Owned				130,000	
15	IC	17-22	C	Owned				130,000	
16	Bluebird	18-07	C	Owned					140,000
17	Bluebird	18-26	C	Owned					140,000
18	Bluebird	18-29	C	Owned					140,000
19									
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Replacement Cost Totals					300,000	430,000	470,000	520,000	420,000

Note: Additional sheets may be added if necessary.

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.)

Due to consolidating routes, we did not need to purchase buses for 2025. Due to the age and condition of buses we may need to purchase 3 buses for 2026. 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(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.)