

## 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](http://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 28, 2024

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 2025 - 2029**

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 2025 through 2029. 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				
				2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
1 IC-Spare	12-19	C	Owned	135,000				
2 IC-SE	12-14	C	Owned	135,000				
3 IC-Spare	12-13	C	Owned	135,000				
4 IC-SE	12-20	C	Owned	135,000				
5 Starcraft	NX-3	Act-A-2	Owned		100,000			
6 IC-SE	14-09	C	Owned		140,000			
7 Starcraft	SX-3	Act-A-2	Owned			105,000		
8 Bluebird	17-45	C	Owned					140,000
9 IC	17-37	C	Owned					140,000
10 IC	17-22	C	Owned					140,000
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<b>Replacement Cost Totals</b>				540000	240000	105000		420000

**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.)

We have fewer and fewer people interested in being contracted bus drivers. We anticipate having to takeover several contract bus routes and make them corporation routes. Because of this situation we may need to purchase as many as 5 buses in the next 3 years. We'd like to plan to purchase one (1) additional new bus in 2025 to help address the issue of taking over contracted bus routes.

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.)