

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

Complete details of the Bus Replacement plan may be seen by visiting the website of this unit of government at the following address: www.lakelandlakers.org.

Notice is hereby given to taxpayers of Lakeland School Corporation that the proper officers of Lakeland School Corporation will conduct a public hearing on the year 2020 proposed Bus Replacement Plan pursuant to IC 20-40-18. Following the public hearing, the proper officers of Lakeland School Corporation may adopt the proposed plan as presented or with revisions.

Public Hearing Date:
Public Hearing Time:
Public Hearing Place:

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| October 7, 2019 |
| 6:30 p.m. |
| 0825 E 075 N, LaGrange, IN 46761 |

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 2020 - 2024**

Pursuant to IC 20-40-18, Lakeland School Corporation does hereby submit to the Department of Local Government Finance the following School Bus Replacement Plan for the five (5) year period 2020 through 2024. 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 | | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | | | | | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
| 1 | 2006 GMC Mid Bus | T-4 | C | Owned | \$56,000 | | | | |
| 2 | 2009 International I.C. | 25 | C | Owned | \$97,000 | | | | |
| 3 | 2009 International I.C. | 26 | C | Owned | \$97,000 | | | | |
| 4 | 2009 International I.C. | 27 | C | Owned | \$97,000 | | | | |
| 5 | 2008 International I.C. | 21 | C | Owned | \$97,000 | | | | |
| 6 | 2008 International I.C. | 22 | C | Owned | | \$101,850 | | | |
| 7 | 2008 International I.C. | 23 | C | Owned | | \$101,850 | | | |
| 8 | 2008 International I.C. | 24 | C | Owned | | \$101,850 | | | |
| 9 | 2010 International I.C. | 28 | C | Owned | | \$106,942 | | | |
| 10 | 2010 International I.C. | 29 | C | Owned | | \$106,942 | | | |
| 11 | 2010 International I.C. | 38 | C | Owned | | \$106,942 | | | |
| 12 | 2010 International I.C. | 39 | C | Owned | | | | \$112,289 | |
| 13 | 2010 Thomas/Freightliner | C-10 | C | Owned | | | | \$112,289 | |
| 14 | 2011 International I.C. | 31 | C | Owned | | | | \$112,289 | |
| 15 | 2011 Chevrolet/Collins | T-1 | A | Owned | | | | \$64,827 | |
| 16 | 2012 International I.C. | 30 | C | Owned | | | | | \$117,903 |
| 17 | 2012 International I.C. | 32 | C | Owned | | | | | \$117,903 |
| 18 | 2012 International I.C. | 33 | C | Owned | | | | | \$117,903 |
| 19 | 2012 Chevrolet/Collins | T-2 | A | Owned | | | | | |
| 20 | 2012 Chevrolet/Collins w/ lift | T-3 | A | Owned | | | | | |
| 21 | 2013 International I.C. | 34 | C | Owned | | | | | |
| 22 | 2013 International I.C. | 36 | C | Owned | | | | | |
| 23 | 2014 International I.C. | 1 | C | Owned | | | | | |
| 24 | 2014 International I.C. | 2 | C | Owned | | | | | |
| 25 | 2014 International I.C. | 3 | C | Owned | | | | | |
| Replacement Cost Totals | | | | | \$444,000 | \$305,550 | \$320,826 | \$401,694 | \$353,709 |

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.

Lakeland School Corporation is a member of the Northeast Indiana Special Education Co-Operative and the additional bus costs are Lakeland's 1/13th share of the cost of replacing three (3) buses. Our share of the cost of the three (3) buses is \$29,673.77.

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.

The request to trade 2009 model year buses and keep the 2008 model year buses for at least another year is based on the following factors: Any engine manufactured after 2007 were subject to much stricter EPA emission standards than any previous years. In order to meet those stricter requirements engine manufacturers had to add extra equipment to the engine or change parts from previous years. The added equipment is extremely temperamental, difficult to work on in house and astronomically expensive when things need replaced. Here are a few items: Diesel particulate filter (DPF): Remanufactured: \$4,500.00 - Clean existing \$1,800.00 (usually needs replaced if not cleaned properly); New style VGT Turbo \$2,500.00; Newer style Fuel Injectors(6) \$3,500.00; 7th Injector for DPF System \$750.00.

The older 2008 model buses that have engines made prior to 2007 do not have any of the above listed items and use a virtually indestructible engine (DT-466E).

Those buses have proven themselves mile after mile and for 12 years of service. The newer 2009-2014 buses are much more costly to maintain and require many more parts to be changed during their lifetime than any of the 2008 and older model buses.