

2018 Bus Replacement Plan Template

Pursuant to IC 20-40-18-9 and in conjunction with the implementation of HEA 1009-2017 and HEA 1167-2018, the Department of Local Government Finance (“DLGF”) releases the template on the subsequent tabs to clarify the new procedures associated with adopting or amending a Bus Replacement Plan.

This template serves as a supplement to the 2018 DLGF Memo labelled "Operations Fund - Bus Replacement Plan and Bus Replacement Spending."

The operations fund is the exclusive fund to be used to pay for the replacement of school buses, either through a purchase agreement or under a lease agreement. A school corporation may use operations fund money to replace school buses if a properly adopted resolution approving the school bus replacement plan or amended plan is submitted to the Department. The resolution and plan must be in the format prescribed by the Department.

The Format provided by the Department provides two templates for the Notice to Taxpayers. The school corporation may choose to use either version.

The Section 1 tab will be used to report each bus and their estimated replacement costs for the next five years. Busses are still estimated to have a useful life of 12 years, but the plan is only required to considered five years worth of estimated replacement costs. Section 1 contains rows for 15 busses, but additional tabs can be created as necessary.

The Section 2 tab will be completed if the plan is required to provide justification for additional bus purchases, transportation services, and/or early bus replacement.

The Plan Amendment tab will be completed only if the school corporation is amending a previously adopted plan.

If you have any questions about the bus replacement plan, please contact the DLGF Budget Field Representative for your county. (https://www.in.gov/dlgef/files/Field_Rep_Map_-_Budget.pdf).

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

Complete details of the Bus Replacement plan may be seen by visiting the office of this unit of government at the following address: **<insert unit website>**.

Notice is hereby given to taxpayers of **<insert budgeted unit name>** that the proper officers of **<insert budgeted unit name>** will conduct a public hearing on the year **2019** proposed Bus Replacement Plan pursuant to IC 20-40-18. Following the public hearing, the proper officers of **<insert budgeted unit name>** may adopt the proposed plan as presented or with revisions.

Public Hearing Date: **<insert hearing date>**
 Public Hearing Time: **<insert hearing time>**
 Public Hearing Place: **<insert hearing place and address>**

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, such plan will be submitted to the Department of Local Government Finance.

The following is a general outline of the proposed plan:

| <u>Year</u> | <u>No. of Buses Owned</u> | <u>No. of Buses to be Replaced</u> | <u>Total Estimated Replacement Cost</u> | <u>Total Contract Costs</u> |
|-------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| 2019 | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2020 | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2021 | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2022 | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2023 | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

IF A SCHOOL CORPORATION IS SEEKING TO ACQUIRE OR CONTRACT FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES THAT WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SCHOOL BUSES OR BUSES WITH LARGER SEATING CAPACITY AS COMPARED WITH THE PRIOR SCHOOL YEAR, INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON THE NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

DO NOT PUBLISH THIS STATEMENT.

The proposed plan includes additional school buses or school buses with larger seating capacity as compared with the prior school year. Evidence of a demand for increased transportation services is detailed in the proposed plan. School corporation certifies/affirms that the additional buses it plans to acquire are for the purpose of replacement or having larger seating capacity.

Number of Additional Buses: _____ Cost of Additional Buses: _____

IF A SCHOOL CORPORATION IS SEEKING TO REPLACE A SCHOOL BUS EARLIER THAN 12 YEARS AFTER THE EXISTING BUS WAS ORIGINALLY ACQUIRED OR IS REQUIRING A CONTRACTOR TO REPLACE A SCHOOL BUS, INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON THE NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

DO NOT PUBLISH THIS STATEMENT.

The proposed plan includes the replacement of a school bus earlier than its anticipated replacement date. Evidence of need for replacement is detailed in the proposed plan.

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Complete details of the Bus Replacement Plan may be seen by visiting the office of this unit of government at the following address: www.sefschools.org (744 E US HWY 136, Veedersburg, IN 47987).

Notice is hereby given to taxpayers of **the Southeast Fountain School Corporation** that the proper officers of **the Board of Trustees** will conduct a public hearing on the year **2019 amended** Bus Replacement Plan pursuant to IC 20-40-18. Following the public hearing, the proper officers of the Board of Trustees of Southeast Fountain School Corporation may adopt the proposed plans as presented or with revisions.

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

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| 20-Jun-19 |
| 5:30 p.m. |
| Corporation Office |

Taxpayers are invited to attend the meeting for a detailed explanation of the plans and to exercise their rights to be heard on the proposed plans. If the proposed plans are adopted by resolution, such plans will be submitted to the Department of Local Government Finance.

**SCHOOL BUS REPLACEMENT PLAN
FOR THE YEARS 2019 - 2023**

Pursuant to IC 20-40-18, the Southeast Fountain School Corporation does hereby submit to the Department of Local Government Finance the following School Bus Replacement Plan for the five (5) year period 2019 through 2023. 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 No. | Type of Bus/Vehicle per DOE "TN" | Owned or Leased | Estimated Replacement Costs | | | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | | | | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
| 1 | 2009 IC | 6 | C | O | 97,500 | | | | |
| 2 | 2008 Thomas | 10 | C | O | 97,500 | | | | |
| 3 | 2009 IC | 1 | C | O | | 98,000 | | | |
| 4 | 2009 Thomas Mini | 34 | C | O | | 57,500 | | | |
| 5 | 2011 IC | 21 | C | O | | | 99,000 | | |
| 6 | 2011 IC | 13 | C | O | | | 99,000 | | |
| 7 | 2012 Thomas | 22 | C | O | | | | 99,500 | |
| 8 | 2012 Thomas | 18 | C | O | | | | 99,500 | |
| 9 | 2012 Thomas | 15 | C | O | | | | | 100,000 |
| 10 | 2012 Thomas | 14 | C | O | | | | | 100,000 |
| 11 | 2012 Thomas | 2 | C | O | | | | | 100,000 |
| 12 | | | | | | | | | |
| 13 | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 | | | | | | | | | |
| 15 | | | | | | | | | |
| Replacement Cost Totals | | | | | 195000 | 155500 | 198000 | 199000 | 300000 |

Note: Add additional sheets if necessary.

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

1. Pursuant to IC 20-40-18-9(3)(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.

SEFSC needs to purchase an additional wheelchair accessible special needs bus. Due to student needs, should one of our current ADA compliant buses breakdown, we would have no legal way to transport wheelchair bound students. Purchasing an extra bus provides for a backup bus in case of an emergency.

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.)

BUS REPLACEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT

If the school corporation is submitting an amended plan, please complete the following questions.

1. Declare the nature of and the need for the amendment.

SEFSC needs to purchase an additional wheelchair accessible special needs bus. Due to student needs, should one of our current ADA compliant buses breakdown, we would have no legal way to transport wheelchair bound students. Purchasing an extra bus provides for a backup bus in case of an emergency.

2. Show cause as to why the original plan no longer meets the needs of the school corporation.

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