

ATTACHMENT NO. IX.-B: Approval of Transit Van Purchase

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- *Option 1: Motion to purchase _____ (a specific) transit van.*
- *Option 2: Motion to purchase a transit van _____ not to exceed the cost of \$ _____ X. A mileage limit could be included in this motion, as well, if so inclined.*
- *Option 3: Motion to purchase a specific minivan.*
- *Option 4: Motion to purchase a minivan _____ not to exceed cost of \$ _____ X. A mileage limit could be included in this motion, as well, if so inclined.*
- *Option 5: Motion to purchase **both** a transit and a minivan.*
 - *This motion would be executed in a similar fashion to options 1-4*
- *Option 6: No action and table the conversation.*

Transit Van/Minivan Purchase

Current Reality: We have a van that has rusted out almost to the floorboard. It is becoming a safety issue. There are options presented below for transit van and minivan purchases. The van that needs to be replaced likely has a trade-in value of less than \$1,000.

Caveats: We *cannot* per school code use a transit van or any vehicle over 10 passengers to transport students door to door. We can only use transit vans to transport students for athletics **OR** between schools.

Dealer	Year	Vehicle	Passengers	Cost	Mileage	Warranty
Griffin Ford Atkinson	2023	Ford 350 XLT	12	\$41,391.00	60,434	Yes
Haggerty Ford	2024	Ford Transit 350 XLT	15	\$46,495.00	29,141	Yes
Rod Baker Ford	2024	Ford Transit 350 XLT	15	\$49,997.00	20,749	Yes
Hawk Ford St. Charles	2025	Ford Transit 350 XLT	15	\$65,710.00	5	Yes
Golf Mill Ford	2024	Ford Transit 350 XLT	15	\$61,877.00	14,978	Yes

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Hawk St. Charles	2019	Chrysler Pacifica Certified	\$22,500.00	59,535	Yes
Kayser Chrysler	2023	Chrysler Pacifica Limited Certified	\$27,994.00	67,840	Yes
Alma Auto	2018	Chrysler Pacifica Touring L Certified	\$17,888.00	79,428	Yes
Hiller Ford	2023	Chrysler Pacifica Limited Certified	\$26,993.00	71,125	Yes
Dempsey	2026	Chrysler Pacifica L	\$44,740.00	9	Yes
CarMax	2019	Dodge Caravan SE	\$23,998.00	29,736	No

Vehicle Depreciation Comparison – Illinois Schools

Category	School Bus (Yellow)	Transit Van / Minivan (White Fleet)
Typical Purchase Price	\$80,000 – \$120,000	\$30,000 – \$50,000
State Depreciation Schedule	5 years (20% per year)	4 years (25% per year)
State Reimbursement Based On	Purchase price ÷ 5 each year	Purchase price ÷ 4 each year
Mileage Impact on Formula	None – schedule fixed	None – schedule fixed
Real-Life Mileage Impact	High miles = faster wear, earlier replacement needed	Even more sensitive to mileage; high miles shorten useful life significantly
Typical Service Life in Districts	10–12 years (sometimes longer)	6–8 years (sometimes longer with low miles)
Reimbursement Ends	After 5 years, even if still in use	After 4 years, even if still in use
District Cost After Depreciation Period	All replacement/repairs fully local	All replacement/repairs fully local

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