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2024-25

Transportation Proposition

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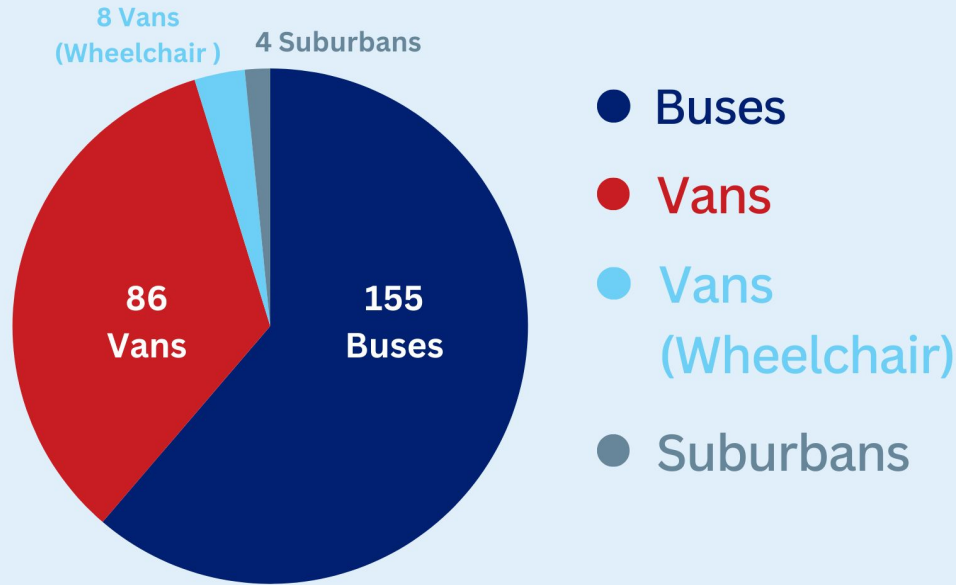
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WCSD Vehicles: Overview

We Have the Largest District-Owned Fleet in New York State



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2024-25 Vehicle Replacement Plan: Factors to Consider

Safety and Fleet Age

- **Responsibility:** provide **safe transportation** to and from school for students.
 - Vehicles must function properly and meet all New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) requirements.
 - Qualified personnel is a vital part of safety. The WCSD bus driver training program continues to generate interest and produce bus drivers.

Fiscal Diligence

- **Responsibility:** Keep **vehicle maintenance costs stable** for WCSD taxpayers.
 - “Paying now” for replacements ultimately saves money; we avoid “paying later” for more costly vehicle repairs and service.
 - Aging fleets have significantly higher maintenance and related labor costs.
 - Use contract transportation as needed if there is a shortage of qualified District drivers.

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2024-25 Vehicle Replacement Plan: Factors to Consider

Enrollment

- Monitor **shifting enrollment** and **evolving student needs**
 - Declining enrollment, increased small-vehicle needs
 - Fleet continues to be adjusted to proper ratio
 - Maintain District policy on walking limits and 100% transportation for all students

Student Needs | NYS Mandates and Requirements

- Maintain **stable expenditure** while meeting **transportation requirements** for students
 - Costs related to the different types of vehicles needed, as well as replacements
 - Increased van ridership, out-of-district placements, federally mandated transportation, etc.

Electric Buses/NYS Compliance

- Many factors; **still being evaluated** by WCSD

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2024-25 Vehicle Retirement Proposal:

Retire 8 Large Buses

About the buses:

High mileage, with an average of 119,161 miles

Model year 2013, with **extensive body wear** from age and use

2024-25 Vehicle Purchase Proposal:

Add 15 Vans

This net increase in vehicles will address the **shifting enrollment** and **evolving student needs** discussed earlier.

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Recommended 2024-25 Bus Purchase



Vehicle Type	Number of Vehicles Requested	Cost per vehicle	Total
71-Passenger Buses: diesel	8	\$168,111	\$1,344,888
28-Passenger Vans: gasoline	15	\$88,265	\$1,323,975
Total	23		\$2,668,863

- The District uses 5-year revolving bond anticipation notes (BAN) to finance the purchase of school vehicles.
- Adding a bus purchase proposition annually to the ballot allows for consistency in budgeting for the related bus BAN principle payments in the General Fund – *as only the change in proposition amount is adjusted in the General Fund budget.*
- The bus proposition expense is aidable annually.
- The 2024-2025 bus purchase proposition would result in a net cost of approximately \$74,365 starting in the 2025-2026 school year – *which is approximately \$3,276 more than 2023-2024 for Bus BAN payments.*

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