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2025-26

Transportation Proposition

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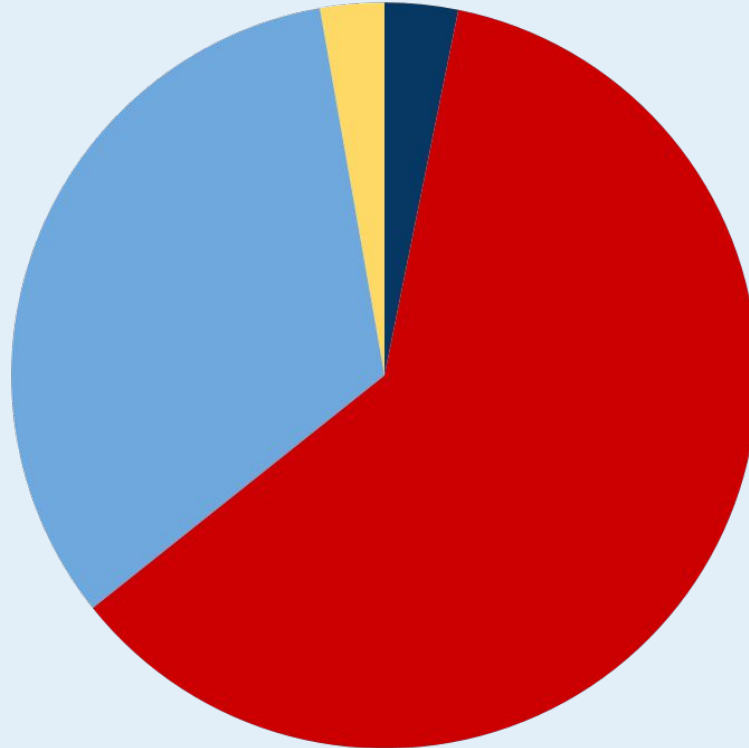
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WCSD Vehicles: Overview

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



	Buses	154
	Vans	83
	Suburban	7
	Vans (Wheelchair)	8
	Total Vehicles	252

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2025-26 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 NYS Department of Transportation 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.

2025-26 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

2025-26 Vehicle Replacement Proposal

Retire and Replace up to 12 vehicles

About the vehicles being retired and replaced:

- **High mileage**, with an average of 126,200 miles
- Model years 2009, 2012, and 2013, with **extensive body wear or system failure (i.e.: emission and electrical)** from age and use
- 12 new vehicles will be purchased to replace these vehicles

2025-26 Vehicle Purchase Proposal

Add 9 vehicles

9 new vehicles will be purchased to add to the current fleet. This net increase in vehicles will address the **shifting enrollment** and **evolving student needs** discussed earlier.

If approved, the anticipated fleet size will be 261 vehicles.

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Recommended 2025-26 Bus Purchase

Vehicle Type	# of Vehicles Requested	Cost per Vehicle	Total
71-Passenger Buses: diesel	8	\$173,568	\$1,388,544
SUV for Student Transport: gasoline (incl paint and signs)	4	\$100,000	\$400,000
20 Passenger Vans: gasoline	6	\$86,700	\$520,200
21 Passenger+ WC Vans: gasoline	3	\$117,098	\$351,294
Total	21		\$2,660,038

- The District uses aidable 5-year revolving Bond Anticipation Notes (BAN) to finance the purchase of school vehicles.
- Including a bus purchase proposition to the ballot allows for consistency in budgeting for the related principle payments in the General Fund – *as only the change in proposition amount is adjusted in the General Fund budget.*
- The 2025-2026 bus purchase proposition would result in a net cost of approximately \$42,400 starting in the 2026-2027 school year – *which is approximately \$5,027 less than the 2024-2025 year for Bus BAN payments.*



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