

To: Kevin Emsweller and Tipton School Board  
From: C. Scott Wessel  
Re: Proposal for Bus Replacement: Replacing Bus 30 instead of Bus 45  
Date: 12/2/2019

The current 2020 Bus Replacement Plan calls to replace Bus 45 - a 2008 bus with 57,339 miles. Our proposal is that we trade in Bus 30 - a 2012, 12-passenger, special needs bus that has 238,428 miles. In the last month, we have put approximately \$2500 in repairs and Bus 30 is worth an estimated \$500 in trade-in value.

We are recommending replacing Bus 30 with a 31-passenger C2 bus with a Cummins motor with no wheelchair lift. This would be at a cost of approximately \$89,380. The extra seats would mean that bus could be used for multiple functions. This is a bus that runs special needs students to Indianapolis. The bigger bus would be safer as well.

To replace Bus 45 which is an 84-passenger bus with 57,339 miles, with another 84 passenger bus would cost approximately \$120,000. Bus 45 is still very reliable and is safe to transport students. The board has asked us to evaluate each bus. If a bus is still running and in good repair, it is possible to keep that bus around a bit longer. Even though Bus 45 is older than Bus 30, it has less miles on it and is in better working condition repair than Bus 30 - a 2012 bus with 238,428 miles.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,  
C. Scott Wessel  
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