

**LEVELLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Date: May 20, 2026 Presented By: Rodney Caddell  
Subject: SB 546 Reporting on School Bus  
Seat Belt Costs Related Page(s) Attached

**INFORMATION**

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Senate Bill 546 amended Transportation Code §547.701(f) and requires that all school buses transporting children be equipped with three-point seat belts for every passenger. As part of this legislation, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) will gather data from each school district regarding their current bus fleet and the estimated cost to retrofit those buses with three-point seat belts. Districts must be in compliance with the new law by September 1, 2029.

**ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION**

LISD received quotes from A-Z Bus Sales, a Blue Star bus vendor, on the price of parts to retrofit the 14 District buses that do not have 3-point seat belts. The overall cost of parts is \$556,902.06. The District has not received any quotes from vendors who are willing to provide the labor to install the seats. The labor cost is expected to be double the amount of the parts. The District has determined that it is not financially feasible to retrofit the buses with 3-point seat belts or to purchase new buses that are already equipped with 3-point seat belts.

**BOARD ACTION REQUIRED**

None