



Board of Trustees Agenda Item Information Form

Date Submitted: April 24, 2026

Meeting Type	Agenda Placement	Code	Agenda Placement	Code
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District Strategies (Check all that apply):

- Students and staff will thrive in a secure environment, build connections and community, and become resilient leaders.
- Each student will engage in world-class learning experiences that foster curiosity, develop talents, guide exploration, and fuel achievement.
- We will cultivate innovation through strategic collaboration and responsive organizational stewardship.

Subject:

Consider Budget and Warranty Limitation Determination Under Transportation Code §547.701

Background:

Texas Senate Bill 546 requires 3-point seat belts in all buses, unless the Board determines that there are budgetary constraints or warranty impacts that would prevent retrofit or replacement. We have provided detailed statistics as required, along with our long-range bus replacement plan. Based on the budgetary and warranty limitations of retrofitting old buses that are nearing the end of their life cycle at an estimated cost of \$5.3 million, we recommend that we continue with our planned replacement cycle using Capital Projects funds. This plan represents the most cost effective and fiscally responsible approach and will ensure full compliance by 2032.

Fiscal Impact Statement

Cost: \$0.00

- Recurring
- One-Time

Funding Source:

- General Fund
- Grant Fund
- Other Funds (specify)

Fiscal Year: 2025 / 2026

Amendment Required: N/A

Bond Funds (program year): N/A

Superintendent's Recommendation:

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Trustees make a determination under Transportation Code §547.701(e)(1) that the district's budgetary and warranty limitations do not permit the district to purchase or retrofit buses to be equipped with three-point seat belts.

Department Submitting Form: Transportation

Cabinet Member's Approval: Paul Miller