



Devine Independent School District Board of Trustees Agenda Document

Meeting Date: March 26, 2026

Agenda Item: School Bus compliance with SB546

Background Information:

Senate Bill 546, passed during the 89th Legislative Session, requires school districts to equip all school buses with 3-point safety belts by September 1, 2029. At the February 16 Board meeting, Transportation Director Kandy Stein presented information regarding the cost of retrofitting buses in the current fleet that do not meet this requirement. The Devine ISD Transportation Department has been proactively replacing older buses over the past several years with the assistance of a grant reimbursement program and intends to continue utilizing this program (if it is still available) to bring the entire fleet into compliance by the required deadline.

Administrative Consideration:

SB 546 requires the school board to take action addressing the budgetary impact of bringing the district's bus fleet into compliance, as well as to report this information to Sentinel by the end of May.

Budgetary Consideration:

Annual budgetary recommendations for board approval.

Supporting Documents:

Report on bus fleet.

Recommendation:

Approve a motion to determine that the District's budget does not permit the purchase of new school buses at this time, but instead will phase in compliance through the purchase of 2 new buses annually.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Kandy Stein
Director of Transportation

Approved by:

Todd Grandjean
Superintendent of Schools