



Weatherford Independent School District Board Agenda Item

The mission of the Weatherford ISD is to educate, engage, and empower all students in a safe and positive learning environment to discover and reach their greatest potential.

Date

April 20, 2026

Administrator(s) Preparing Report

Dr. Jason Dunkelberger, Director of Transportation

Subject

Authorization to Purchase up to 40 International School Buses at Auction

Background Information

Lewisville ISD is auctioning up to 40 school buses (2020 International school buses) between April 2026 and August 2026. These school buses are less expensive than full replacement. They meet SB 546 three-point seat belt requirements, are compatible with current diagnostic software, and include accident mitigation systems. Under this purchasing strategy, Weatherford ISD could purchase 40 school buses at \$65K per school bus, sell their existing 2017 school buses at up to \$45K per school bus, bringing the overall investment to approximately \$20K per school bus. Bidding could yield substantially less cost to the school district under current conditions.

Strategic Plan Information

- Relates to Strategic Goal #1 – Focus on Student Success
- Relates to Strategic Goal #2 – Focus on Students, Parents, and Communities
- Relates to Strategic Goal #3 – Focus on Operational Excellence
- Relates to Strategic Goal #4 – Focus on Employees and Organizational Development
- Relates to Strategic Goal #5 – Focus on Stewardship

Administrative Recommendation

Administration recommends authorization to purchase up to 40 school buses at auction.

The four options include:

- Option 1 – Authorize up to \$2.6 million to purchase up to 40 International School Buses
- Option 2 – Authorize up to \$2.0 million to purchase up to 40 International School Buses
- Option 3 – Authorize up to \$1.5 million to purchase up to 40 International School Buses
- Option 4 – Authorize up to \$750K to purchase up to 40 International School Buses