



MEMORANDUM

To: Tim Harkrider, Superintendent 
From: Carmella Shafer, Director of Purchasing
Date: March 1, 2026
Subject: Purchase of school buses from 2023 Bond Funds
Agenda Item: J – 2.

BACKGROUND

In November of 2023, voters approved the issuance of bonds in the total amount of \$299.120 million. It was communicated to both the bond planning committee as well as the voters of CSISD that a portion of these funds would support the district with the purchase of school buses.

Quotes were requested for thirteen – 77 passenger buses using both CSISD fleet standards and state required standards. Thomas Bus Texas provided the best value for the district at \$160,000.00 per bus for a total of \$2,080,000.00.

There is a purchasing cooperative administrative fee of \$350.00 for a total of \$2,080,350.00 based on TIPS purchasing cooperative contract #240901. This quote does not include routing hardware and software, child accountability components, or fuel management components. These items will be added upon delivery.

Carmella Shafer, Director of Purchasing, and Shannon Calltharp, Director of Transportation, recommend purchasing from Thomas Bus Texas as the best overall value in the amount of \$2,080,350.00 utilizing 2023 Bond Funds.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees of College Station Independent School District approve awarding the purchase of 13 buses to Thomas Bus of Texas in the amount of \$2,080,350.00 utilizing 2023 Bond Funds.

Shannon Calltharp

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