

Office of the Superintendent of Schools
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Rockville, Maryland

April 30, 2026

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Thomas W. Taylor, Superintendent of Schools

Subject: Contract Approval for Request for Proposal No. 8111.1, Purchase of Diesel Buses

☐ Information ☒ Action

Superintendent Recommendation:

The superintendent recommends that the Board of Education approve the contract under Request for Proposal No. 8111.1, Purchase of Diesel Buses, under the Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article §5-112 (a) and Montgomery County Public Schools Regulation DJA-RA, *Procurement of Equipment, Supplies, and Services*.

This is a request to approve a new annual contract with American Truck & Bus, Inc., for the purchase of 140 diesel school buses to operate a standardized fleet of buses, which promotes operational efficiency, cost control, and reliability. This order addresses bus requirements for Fiscal Years (FY) 2027 and 2028, reflecting the need to replace school buses that have reached the end of their service life after the state granted an extension permitting buses to operate for up to 15 years. The expenses will be financed over six years starting in FY 2028. The types of buses to be purchased are as follows: 55 regular education, 45 special wheelchair, and 40 special education, non-wheelchair school buses. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve this new contract through December 30, 2027.

WHEREAS, Funds have been budgeted in the amount of \$29,023,752 for the purchase of 140 diesel school buses through Request for Proposal No. 8111.1; now therefore be it

Resolved, That having been duly advertised, the buses be purchased and financed for a six-year term under the master Lease/Purchase Agreement with Banc of American Public Capital Corporation; and be it further

Resolved, That having been duly advertised, the following contract be awarded to the most responsive and responsible bidder, meeting specifications as follows:

Division of District Operations

8111.1 ***RFP Name:*** Purchase of Diesel Buses
Responsible Division: Division of Transportation Services

Awardee:
American Truck & Bus, Inc., Annapolis, Maryland \$29,023,752

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