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To: Superintendents, Business Managers, and Transportation Directors  
 From: Derek Newland, Director Student Transportation  
 Date: January 6, 2020  
 Re: Basic Bus Bids and Maximum Depreciation

In accordance with Idaho Code 33-1006 and Standards for Idaho School Buses and Operations, the State Department of Education recently solicited bids for Conventional and Transit basic school buses.

School districts will continue to independently bid buses in accordance with bidding requirements outlined in Idaho Code. Districts may bid for school buses using individual specifications or may bid using the state basic bus specifications. Idaho basic bus specifications are available online at <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/student-transportation/index.html>. New school bus depreciation reimbursements will be limited to the state basic bus low bid plus any pre-approved safety options.

The following table lists maximum depreciation allowed on district bids accepted between **January 1, 2020** and **December 31, 2020**. Districts will submit a copy of school board meeting minutes as documentation of the bid acceptance date. SDE will solicit bids again in December 2020 to set maximum depreciation allowed for the following year.

| Diesel       | Actual Passenger Capacity (Lift buses based on rated capacity) |         |         |         |         |         |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Passengers   | 41-42                                                          | 53-54   | 65-66   | 71-72   | 77-78   | 83-84   |
| Conventional | 85,335                                                         | 87,994  | 89,749  | 91,598  | 92,794  | 113,118 |
| Transit FE   | 115,487                                                        | 104,455 | 106,753 | 108,181 | 109,525 | 110,332 |
| Transit RE   | 116,480                                                        | 115,206 | 116,398 | 117,453 | 118,508 | 120,182 |

| Gasoline     | Actual Passenger Capacity (Lift buses based on rated capacity) |        |        |        |        |         |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| Passengers   | 41-42                                                          | 53-54  | 65-66  | 71-72  | 77-78  | 83-84   |
| Conventional | 89,600                                                         | 90,420 | 93,460 | 96,042 | 97,117 | 111,273 |

| Type A                         | Actual Passenger Capacity (Lift buses based on rated capacity) |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Passengers                     | 29-30                                                          |
| Diesel                         | 85,039                                                         |
| Gasoline                       | 59,521                                                         |
| Alt. Fuel LPG or CNG (specify) | 95,394                                                         |

In addition to the above listed maximum depreciation, the following safety options may be allowed as additional reimbursement. **Bus safety options listed below do not need pre-approval.** The following table reports the maximum reimbursement added to the basic bus for each safety option and the amount removed for non-reimbursable options.

| Safety Options Reimbursable                                                          |        |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Additional Integrated Child Restraint Seats, include LATCH attachments cost per seat | 690    |
| Air Conditioning                                                                     | 9,090  |
| Air Conditioning (Driver Compartment Only)                                           | 1,260  |
| Air Conditioning Vest                                                                | 348    |
| Alternative fuel compressed natural gas engine - CNG engine                          | 33,835 |
| Alternative fuel liquefied petroleum gas engine- propane - LPG engine                | 11,817 |
| Automatic Chains                                                                     | 2,525  |
| Cost per wheel chair station (To include securement equipment for each station)      | 1,035  |
| Driver's side window sun visor                                                       | 91     |
| Electromagnetic driveline retarder                                                   | 13,130 |
| Flat floor                                                                           | 2,700  |
| Front bumper mounted student crossing arm                                            | 439    |
| Full track seating 72 passengers                                                     | 10,100 |
| Heated entry steps                                                                   | 479    |
| Passenger three-point seat belts, cost per seat                                      | 571    |
| Roof mounted air-deflector                                                           | 681    |

| <b>Safety Options Reimbursable</b>                                                                                                       |       |
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| Second stop arm – left side rear                                                                                                         | 464   |
| Track seating per station                                                                                                                | 530   |
| Track seats to be installed, cost per seat                                                                                               | 530   |
| Wheel chair lift package #lbs. cap. 1000, w/seat belt cutter having a full width handgrip to be included                                 | 6,970 |
| Stop arm HD camera system that will capture views of the event from both directions – <b>in lieu of one of the four interior cameras</b> | 939   |
| <b>Safety Options Non-Reimbursable</b>                                                                                                   |       |
| Additional price per camera for interior passenger surveillance system with more than four cameras                                       | 480   |
| Fire block seating per seat in-lieu of standard seat                                                                                     | 38    |
| White roof                                                                                                                               | 707   |
| <b>Non-Reimbursable Extended <u>Engine Warranties</u></b>                                                                                |       |
| 5 year 150,000 miles extended and major component                                                                                        | N/A   |
| 7 year 150,000 miles extended coverage                                                                                                   | 2,272 |
| 7 year 150,000 miles extended any major component                                                                                        | 760   |
| 10 year 200,000 miles extended coverage                                                                                                  | 4,345 |
| 10 year 200,000 miles extended any major component                                                                                       | 1,060 |
| 10 year Unlimited miles extended coverage                                                                                                | 4,850 |

Please contact SDE with any questions on the new basic bus bids or maximum depreciation. Bus sizes or types that fall outside the basic bus specifications will be depreciated at a rate not to exceed the prior year’s average low bid price.