

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
Consent Agenda
May 15, 2025

OFFICE OF SAFE AND ORDERLY SCHOOLS

I. Approval of Pupil Transportation Equipment Bids

Awarded Vendor: Burroughs Diesel, Inc.
Laurel, MS

Empire Truck Sales, LLC.
Richland, MS

Waters Truck and Tractor, Inc.
Columbus, MS 39703

Scope of Project: Per Mississippi Code Annotated § 37-41-101 and State Board of Education (SBE) policy, Chapter 81, Rule 81.1 Bids, the SBE is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to advertise for and receive sealed bids and proposals for sale of school bus bodies and school buses as sold as complete units to the school board of school districts in the state. The State Board of Education shall approve persons, firms, corporations, or associations authorized to sell bus bodies and school buses sold as complete units and shall establish prices relative thereto based upon the lowest and best bids, which school districts may not exceed in purchasing such equipment.

Scope of Contract:

- Term of Contract: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026
- Amount to be Awarded: No MDE funds will be expended
- Method of Award: Invitation for Bids

Funding Source: N/A

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached



OFFICE OF SAFE AND ORDERLY SCHOOLS DIVISION OF PUPIL TRANSPORTATION

SCHOOL BUS PRICES AND APPROVED COMPANIES
EFFECTIVE: JULY 1, 2025 – JUNE 30, 2026



AUTHORIZED SCHOOL BUS COMPANIES



BURROUGHS DIESEL, INC.
P.O. BOX 4451
LAUREL, MS 39441
PHONE NUMBER: (601) 466-3001
REPRESENTATIVE: GREG BURROUGHS



EMPIRE TRUCK SALES, LLC.
373 HWY 49 SOUTH
RICHLAND, MS 39218
PHONE NUMBER: (601) 939-5000
REPRESENTATIVE: KEITH WINHAM



WATERS TRUCK & TRACTOR, INC.
P.O. BOX 831
COLUMBUS, MS 39703
PHONE NUMBER: (800) 844-1500
REPRESENTATIVE: GREG PATTERSON



"X" INDICATES COMPANIES APPROVED TO SELL EQUIPMENT

TYPE A-1 – CUTAWAY VAN TYPE SCHOOL BUSES/MULTIFUNCTION SCHOOL ACTIVITY BUSES (COMPLETE UNITS)(DUAL WHEELS)				
PASS. CAPACITY/ENGINE TYPE	APPROVED PRICES	BURROUGHS DIESEL	EMPIRE TRUCK SALES	WATERS TRUCK & TRACTOR
10-14/GAS	\$101,000	X	X	X
10-14/DIESEL	\$135,000	X		
10-14/ELECTRIC	\$275,000	X		
10-14/PROPANE	\$140,000	X		
16-20/GAS	\$102,500	X	X	X
16-20/DIESEL	\$139,000	X		
16-20/ELECTRIC	\$279,000	X		
16-20/PROPANE	\$144,000	X		
MAKE OF BODY		BLUE BIRD	THOMAS BUILT BUSES	COLLINS
MAKE OF CHASSIS		FORD/GMC/CHEVY	FORD/GMC/CHEVY	FORD/GMC/CHEVY



TYPE A-2 – CUTAWAY VAN TYPE SCHOOL BUSES/MULTIFUNCTION SCHOOL ACTIVITY BUSES (COMPLETE UNITS)(DUAL WHEELS)				
PASS. CAPACITY/ENGINE TYPE	APPROVED PRICES	BURROUGHS DIESEL	EMPIRE TRUCK SALES	WATERS TRUCK & TRACTOR
16-23/GAS	\$103,250	X	X	X
16-23/DIESEL	\$143,000	X		
16-23/ELECTRIC	\$283,000	X		
16-23/PROPANE	\$148,000	X		
24-30/GAS	\$106,500	X	X	X
24-30/DIESEL	\$147,000	X		
24-30/ELECTRIC	\$287,000	X		
24-30/PROPANE	\$152,000	X		
MAKE OF BODY		BLUE BIRD	THOMAS BUILT BUSES	COLLINS
MAKE OF CHASSIS		FORD/GMC/CHEVY	FORD/GMC/CHEVY	FORD/GMC/CHEVY



TYPE C – COVENTIONAL TYPE SCHOOL BUSES/MULTIFUNCTION SCHOOL ACTIVITY BUSES (COMPLETE UNITS)				
PASS. CAPACITY/ENGINE TYPE	APPROVED PRICES	BURROUGHS DIESEL	EMPIRE TRUCK SALES	WATERS TRUCK & TRACTOR
29-41/GAS	\$137,000	X	X	X
29-41/DIESEL	\$142,000	X	X	X
29-41/ELECTRIC	\$435,000	X		X
29-41/PROPANE	\$153,000	X		
42-59/GAS	\$141,000	X	X	X
42-59/DIESEL	\$145,000	X	X	X
42-59/ELECTRIC	\$440,000	X	X	X
42-59 PROPANE	\$159,000	X		
60-71/GAS	\$143,000	X	X	X
60-71/DIESEL	\$147,000	X	X	X
60-71/ELECTRIC	\$443,000	X	X	X
60-71/PROPANE	\$181,000	X		
72-83/GAS	\$145,000	X	X	X
72-83/DIESEL	\$149,000	X	X	X
72-83/ELECTRIC	\$445,000	X	X	X
72-83/PROPANE	\$183,000	X		



TYPE D– TRANSIT TYPE SCHOOL BUSES/MULTIFUNCTION SCHOOL ACTIVITY BUSES (COMPLETE UNITS)(FRONT-MOUNTED ENGINES)				
PASS. CAPACITY/ENGINE TYPE	APPROVED PRICES	BURROUGHS DIESEL	EMPIRE TRUCK SALES	WATERS TRUCK & TRACTOR
41-53/GAS	\$177,000	X		
41-53/DIESEL	\$178,400	X	X	
41-53/ELECTRIC	\$465,000	X		
41-53/PROPANE	\$190,000	X		
54-65/GAS	\$180,000	X		
54-65/DIESEL	\$182,600	X	X	
54-65/ELECTRIC	\$468,000	X		
54-65/PROPANE	\$193,000	X		
66-75/GAS	\$183,000	X		
66-75/DIESEL	\$184,700	X	X	
66-75/ELECTRIC	\$471,000	X		
66-75/PROPANE	\$196,000	X		
76-90/GAS	\$187,000	X		
76-90/DIESEL	\$189,000	X	X	
76-90/ELECTRIC	\$474,000	X		
76-90/PROPANE	\$199,000	X		



TYPE D– TRANSIT TYPE SCHOOL BUSES/MULTIFUNCTION SCHOOL ACTIVITY BUSES (COMPLETE UNITS)(REAR-MOUNTED ENGINES)				
PASS. CAPACITY/ENGINE TYPE	APPROVED PRICES	BURROUGHS DIESEL	EMPIRE TRUCK SALES	WATERS TRUCK & TRACTOR
41-53/GAS	\$180,000	X		
41-53/DIESEL	\$185,000	X	X	
41-53/ELECTRIC	\$485,000	X		
41-53/PROPANE	\$190,000	X		
54-65/GAS	\$185,000	X		
54-65/DIESEL	\$190,000	X	X	
54-65/ELECTRIC	\$490,000	X		
54-65/PROPANE	\$195,000	X		
66-75/GAS	\$190,000	X		
66-75/DIESEL	\$195,000	X	X	
66-75/ELECTRIC	\$495,000	X		
66-75/PROPANE	\$200,000	X		
76-90/GAS	\$195,000	X		
76-90/DIESEL	\$200,000	X	X	
76-90/ELECTRIC	\$500,000	X		
76-90/PROPANE	\$205,000	X		



OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT (FURNISHED AND INSTALLED)				
ITEMS	APPROVED PRICES	BURROUGHS DIESEL	EMPIRE TRUCK SALES	WATERS TRUCK & TRACTOR
ADDITIONAL HANDRAIL	\$500	X	X	X
ADDITIONAL REAR HEATER	\$500	X	X	X
ADJUSTABLE PEDALS	\$1,000	X	X	X
AIR BRAKES	\$3,500	X	X	X
AIR RIDE FRONT SUSPENSION (TYPE D ONLY)	\$2,000	X	X	
AIR RIDE REAR SUSPENSION	\$2,000	X	X	X
AUTO REVERSE PASSENGER DOORS	\$500	X	X	X
AUX. BACK UP LIGHTS	\$500	X	X	X
AUX. FUEL-FIRED HEATING SYS.	\$1,500	X	X	X
AUX. FAN	\$100	X	X	X
BUS LOCKUP SYSTEM	\$700	X	X	X
CAMERA SYSTEM – INTERIOR	\$2,500	X	X	X
CAMERA SYSTEM – EXTERIOR	\$2,500	X	X	X
CAMERA SYSTEM-STOP ARM VIDEO MONITORING SYSTEM	\$1,000	X	X	X
CLEAN SURFACE/CASPR	\$1,000	X	X	X



COLLISION MITIGATION SYS.	\$3,000	X	X	X
DOOR-AIR OPERATED	\$600	X	X	X
DOOR-AIR ELECTRIC OPERATED	\$600	X	X	X
DOOR LOCK	\$500	X	X	X
DRIVER ALERT SIGN (REAR DOOR)	\$750	X	X	X
ELECTRONIC PARKING BRAKE	\$300	X	X	X
ELECTRONIC STABILITY CONTROL (ESC)	\$1,000	X	X	X
EXTENDED WARRANTY (CHASSIS)	\$2,000	X	X	X
EXTENDED WARRANTY (EV HIGH VOLTAGE BATTERY)	\$7,500	X	X	X
EXTENDED WARRANTY (BODY)	\$2,000	X	X	X
EXTERIOR BODY LIGHT MONITOR	\$500	X	X	X
EVACUATION BLANKET – SPECIALLY EQUIPPED BUS	\$300	X	X	X
FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM	\$1,000	X	X	X
FLAT FLOOR – SPECIALLY EQUIPPED BUS	\$1,000	X	X	X
FUEL TANK – 100 GALS.	\$1,000	X	X	X
HEATER BOOSTER PUMP	\$500	X	X	X



HEATED MIRROS	\$500	X	X	X
HUMPREY VALVE OR EQUIVALENT AIR DUMP VALVE	\$300	X	X	X
ILLUMINATED SCHOOL BUS SIGN (FRONT AND REAR)	\$600	X	X	X
ILLUMINATED STOP ARM (MUST MEET FMVSS 131)	\$600	X	X	X
MOBILE DATA TERMINAL (MDT)	\$1,500	X	X	X
NOISE SUPPRESSION SWITCH	\$300	X	X	X
ONBOARD WI-FI	\$1,000	X	X	X
PEDESTRIAN DETECTION SYSTEM	\$1,000	X	X	X
PREDICTIVE STOP ARM	\$1,000	X	X	X
POWER LIFT	\$7,500	X	X	X
PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM W/RADIO	\$800	X	X	X
REMOTE CONTROL EXTERNAL REAR VIEW MIRRORS	\$600	X	X	X
RESTRAINING DEVICE – INTEGRATED CHILD RESTRAINT SEAT	\$600	X	X	X
RESTRAINING DEVICE – LAP/SHOULDER BELT	\$250	X	X	X



(PRICE PER UNIT – NO REDUCTION IN SEATING CAPACITY)				
RETARDER SYSTEM	\$1,400	X	X	X
SPECIAL SERVICE ENTRANCE DOOR	\$1,000	X	X	X
STOP ARM – ADDITIONAL REAR	\$800	X	X	X
STOP ARM – AIR OPERATED	\$500	X	X	X
STOP ARM – VACUUM OPERATED	\$500	X		X
STORAGE BOX	\$500	X	X	X
STORAGE COMPARTMENT (LUGGAGE) 10-15 CUBIC FT.	\$1,500	X	X	X
STORAGE COMPARTMENT (LUGGAGE) 16-23 CUBIC FT.	\$2,000	X	X	X
STORAGE COMPARTMENT (LUGGAGE) 24-30 CUBIC FT.	\$2,500	X	X	X
STUDENT TRACKING SYSTEM	\$3,000	X	X	X
TRACTION ASSISTING DEVICES	\$400	X	X	X



TRASH CONTAINER AND HOLDING DEVICE	\$200	X	X	X
WHEELCHAIR TIE-DOWNS (PER SEATING POSITION)	\$500	X	X	X

APPROVED VENDORS AND LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES MUST SUBMIT THE FLOOR PLAN AND QUOTE WITH SPECIFICATIONS ON A LETTERHEAD WITH THE NEW SCHOOL BUS PURCHASE FORM – MDE – PURCHASE I.



APPLICATION TO PURCHASE NEW SCHOOL BUSES AS COMPLETE UNITS, SCHOOL BUS BODIES, CHASSIS, AND OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT

SCHOOL BUS INFORMATION				
# of Buses to Purchased	Method of Payment? <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Loan*	*If a loan, under what authority or how will the district repay the loan?		
Year:	Body:	Model/Series:	Tire Size:	Wheelbase:
Rim Color: <input type="checkbox"/> Blk <input type="checkbox"/> YL <input type="checkbox"/> Blue (EV only) <input type="checkbox"/> Chrome	Front Axle GAWR: Rear Axle GAWR: Rear Axle Ratio:	Type of Bus: <input type="checkbox"/> Type A-1 <input type="checkbox"/> Type C <input type="checkbox"/> Type A-2 <input type="checkbox"/> Type D	<input type="checkbox"/> Special Needs <input type="checkbox"/> Regular School Bus <input type="checkbox"/> MFSAB	Engine: Chassis: Transmission:
Seating Capacity:	Seating Cap. After Installation of Wheelchairs:	Fuel Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Gas <input type="checkbox"/> Electric <input type="checkbox"/> Diesel <input type="checkbox"/> Propane	IF MFSAB, what color/color scheme is the bus? (Provide Proof)	
Price of Complete Bus Unit Before Optional Equipment added:				
OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT				
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional Handrail \$500	<input type="checkbox"/> Additional Rear Heater \$500	<input type="checkbox"/> Adjustable Pedals \$1,000	<input type="checkbox"/> Air Brakes \$3,500	<input type="checkbox"/> Air Ride Front Suspension (Type D only) \$2,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Air Ride Rear Suspension \$2,000	<input type="checkbox"/> Auto Reverse Passenger Doors \$500	<input type="checkbox"/> Aux. Back Up Lights \$500	<input type="checkbox"/> Aux. Fuel-Fired Heating System \$1, 500	<input type="checkbox"/> Auxiliary Fan \$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Bus Lockup System \$700	<input type="checkbox"/> Camera System - Interior \$2,500	<input type="checkbox"/> Camera System - Exterior \$2,500	<input type="checkbox"/> Camera System – Stop Arm Video Monitoring Sys. \$1,000	<input type="checkbox"/> Clean Surface/CASPR \$1,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Collision Mitigation System \$3,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Door – Air Operated \$600	<input type="checkbox"/> Door – Electric Operated \$600	<input type="checkbox"/> Door Lock \$500	<input type="checkbox"/> Driver Alert Sign (Rear Door) \$750	<input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Parking Brake \$300



<input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Stability Control (ESC) \$1,000	<input type="checkbox"/> Extended Warranty (Chassis) \$2,000	<input type="checkbox"/> Extended Warranty (EV High Voltage Battery) \$7,500	<input type="checkbox"/> Extended Warranty (Body) \$2,000	<input type="checkbox"/> Exterior Body Light Monitor \$500
<input type="checkbox"/> Evacuation Blanket – Specially Equipped Bus \$300	<input type="checkbox"/> Fire Suppression \$1,000	<input type="checkbox"/> Flat Floor – Specially Equipped Bus \$1,000	<input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Tank – 100 gals. \$1,000	<input type="checkbox"/> Heater Booster Pump \$500
<input type="checkbox"/> Heated Mirrors \$500	<input type="checkbox"/> Humprey Valve or equivalent air dump valve \$300	<input type="checkbox"/> Illuminated School Bus Sign (Front and Rear) \$600	<input type="checkbox"/> Illuminated Stop Arm (Must Meet FMVSS 131) \$600	<input type="checkbox"/> Mobile Data Terminal \$1,500
<input type="checkbox"/> Noise Suppression Switch \$300	<input type="checkbox"/> Onboard Wi-Fi \$1,000	<input type="checkbox"/> Pedestrian Detection System \$1,000	<input type="checkbox"/> Predictive Stop Arm \$1,000	<input type="checkbox"/> Power Lift \$7,500
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Address System with Radio \$800	<input type="checkbox"/> Remote Control External Rear View Mirrors \$600	<input type="checkbox"/> Restraining Device – Integrated Child Restraint Seat \$600	<input type="checkbox"/> Restraining Device – Lap/Shoulder Belt (PRICE PER UNIT – no reduction in seating capacity) \$250	<input type="checkbox"/> Retarder System \$1,400
<input type="checkbox"/> Special Service Entrance Door \$1,000	<input type="checkbox"/> Stop Arm – Additional Rear \$800	<input type="checkbox"/> Stop Arm – Air Operated \$500	<input type="checkbox"/> Stop Arm – Vacuum Operated Seat \$500	<input type="checkbox"/> Storage Box \$500
<input type="checkbox"/> Storage Compartment (Luggage) 10-15 Cubic ft. \$1,500	<input type="checkbox"/> Storage Compartment (Luggage) 16-23 Cubic ft. \$2,000	<input type="checkbox"/> Storage Compartment (Luggage) 24-30 Cubic ft. \$2,500	<input type="checkbox"/> Student Tracking Systems \$3,000	<input type="checkbox"/> Traction Assisting Devices \$400
<input type="checkbox"/> Trash Container and Holding Device \$200	<input type="checkbox"/> Wheelchair Tie-downs (per seating position) \$500			
Total price of optional equipment added:				
Total price of complete bus unit + optional equipment:				



AUTHORIZED VENDOR CERTIFICATION

I certify that the equipment meets or exceeds all Mississippi Minimum Standards for School Buses and the Federal Motor Safety Standards for the year it was manufactured.

☐ Floor plan attached?

☐ Quote with specifications on company letterhead attached? (Required specs before options must be listed on the letterhead.)

Signature of Representative: _____ Company: _____ Date: _____

SCHOOL DISTRICT COMPLETES THIS SECTION AFTER BOARD APPROVAL

The _____ Board of Education, located in _____, Mississippi, on the _____ day of _____, 20____, in a legally called and constituted meeting, voted to purchase school buses as priced in this application through the Mississippi Department of Education's Approved Companies and Price List. The local Board of Education took this official action to authorize the Superintendent to procure said school buses. This action, as spread upon the minutes of the meeting of the local Board of Education on the above date, should be construed as evidence of obligation of the local Board of Education to purchase school buses through the Mississippi Department of Education's Approved Companies and Price List as required by Mississippi Code Ann. § 37-41-101. This application along with the required documents must be emailed to the Mississippi Department of Education, Office of Safe and Orderly Schools, Division of Pupil Transportation.

Superintendent Name (Print): _____ Signature of Superintendent: _____ Date: _____

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION COMPLETES THIS SECTION

Based on the information contained within this application, the local school board is authorized to order, take delivery of, and pay for the equipment listed.

☐ Approved ☐ Not Approved

Signature of Pupil Transportation Administrator: _____ Date: _____

