

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

Complete details of the Bus Replacement plan may be seen by visiting the website of this unit of government at the following address: www.clay.k12.in.us

Notice is hereby given to taxpayers of Clay Community Schools that the proper officers of **Clay Community Schools** will conduct a public hearing on the year **2025** proposed Bus Replacement Plan pursuant to IC 20-40-18. Following the public hearing, the proper officers of **Clay Community Schools** may adopt the proposed plan as presented or with revisions.

Public Hearing Date:
Public Hearing Time:
Public Hearing Place:

September 12, 2024
6:30 PM
1013 S. Forest Avenue, Brazil, IN

Taxpayers are invited to attend the meeting for a detailed explanation of the plan and to exercise their rights to be heard on the proposed plan. If the proposed plan is adopted by resolution, the resolution will be submitted to the Department of Local Government Finance as per IC 20-40-18-9(d).

**SCHOOL BUS REPLACEMENT PLAN
FOR THE YEARS 2025-2029**

Pursuant to IC 20-40-18, Clay Community Schools does hereby submit to the Department of Local Government Finance the following School Bus replacement Plan for the five (5) year period 2025 through 2029. This plan is based upon the presumption that the minimum useful life of a school bus is not less than twelve (12) year

**SECTION I
Replacement Cost of Bus/Vehicle During Specific Year**

	Bus Description	Corp ID Number	Type of Bus/Vehicle per DOE "TN"	Owned or Leased	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
1	FL Thomas 78	6	C	OWNED	\$ 154,500				
2	FL Thomas 78	9	C	OWNED	\$ 154,500				
3	FL Thomas 78	30	C	OWNED	\$ 92,800				
4	FL Thomas 78	35	C	OWNED	\$ 92,800				
5	IC	47	F	OWNED	\$ 164,800				
6	IC	50	F	OWNED	\$ 164,800				
7	IC	2	C	OWNED		\$ 159,140			
8	IC	3	C	OWNED		\$ 159,140			
9	IC	4	C	OWNED		\$ 159,140			
10	IC	12	C	OWNED		\$ 159,140			
11	IC	43	C	OWNED		\$ 159,140			
12	IC	76	C	OWNED		\$ 159,140			
13	IC	7	C	OWNED			\$ 163,910		
14	IC	8	C	OWNED			\$ 163,910		
15	IC	11	C	OWNED			\$ 163,910		
16	IC	14	C	OWNED			\$ 163,910		
17	IC	45	C	OWNED			\$ 163,910		
18	CHEV STARCRAFT	74	E	OWNED			\$ 163,910		
19	Blue Bird	13	C	OWNED				\$ 168,830	
20	Blue Bird	26	C	OWNED				\$ 168,830	
21	Blue Bird	32	C	OWNED				\$ 168,830	
22	Blue Bird	39	C	OWNED				\$ 168,830	
23	Blue Bird	48	C	OWNED				\$ 168,830	
24	Blue Bird	68	C	OWNED				\$ 168,830	
Replacement Cost Totals					\$ 824,200	\$ 954,840	\$ 983,460	\$ 1,012,980	\$ -

BUS REPLACEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT

If the school corporation is submitting an amended plan, please complete the following questions.

1. Declare the nature of and the need for the amendment.

For 2025, we have 4 Type-C (78 Passenger) buses and 2 Type-F (Special Needs) buses that are due to be traded in. We will be trading those 6 buses in, but due to various factors, we will not be replacing with an equal number of the same type and capacity. Attached is our 2025 purchasing plan and justification.

2. Show cause as to why the original plan no longer meets the needs of the school corporation.

See attached justification as to why the original plan no longer meets the needs of Clay Community Schools.

2025 Bus Purchasing

Purchase:

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	
2	C	78	
2	C-F	48	Special Needs
2	E	14	Activity

Trade:

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	
4	C	78	
2	C-F	48	Special Needs

Justification:

Once we complete our 2024 purchasing / trades, we will have the following buses:

<u>2024</u> <u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Capacity</u>		<u>2025</u> <u>Trade</u>	<u>2025</u> <u>Purchase</u>	<u>2025</u> <u>Quantity</u>
47	C	78		(4)	2	45
5	C	66				5
9	C-F	48	Special Needs	(2)	2	9
6	E	14	Activity		2	8
1	E	11	Activity			1

We continue to see an increase in the number of trips requiring a special needs bus. Of our current 9 type C-F buses, 7 are in daily use with 2 spares.

Of our current 52 type C buses, 35 are in use with 17 spares. This plan would cut our quantity of type C buses by 2. There is potential, with new bus driver hires, to reinstate some routes that have been consolidated. Also, emissions controls and other periodic maintenance issues require a healthy number of spare buses.

All 7 of our activity buses see regular use. This is certainly an area where we need to increase the number.