

Agenda Item Title: Request for Extended Utilization of School Buses

Board Meeting Date: June 23, 2026

Department: Operations

Presented by: Don Barch

Board Agenda Category:

Consent Agenda

Action Item

Reports and Information

Requires City Council Approval: Yes No

Summary

Pursuant to TCA 49-6-2109 and State Board of Education Rule 0520-01-05-.01(4), Type C and D school buses may continue to be used after fifteen years of service, subject to approval by the Board of Education and the Commissioner of Safety and additional safety inspections by the State of Tennessee. The district currently owns a total of 12 buses that are eligible for extended utilization, with six due for payment. These buses have reached the 15-year threshold but remain in good operating condition and have passed or are expected to pass inspection by the Tennessee Department of Safety.

Staff Recommendation

Approve Request for Extended Utilization of School Buses

Fiscal Impact

Each extended utilization costs \$770 per year for two required inspections. By extending the use of the 10 buses, the district will defer the purchase of new buses estimated at \$175,000.00 each.

Connection to MCS's Five-Year Strategic Plan

- Known:** Every student will be *known* through whole-child programs and support.
- Safe:** Every student will be *safe* through equitable access to buildings, facilities, and infrastructure that meets their needs.
- Challenged:** Every student will be *challenged* by learning from highly effective educators and employees.
- Empowered:** Every student will be *empowered* through academic success