

# Purchasing School Buses

## Safer and Less Costly

By the end of this month, 20 new school buses will be on the roads transporting Lebanon City School District's students to and from school safely while saving the district more than a half a million dollars.

The operating costs for older buses is substantially higher than newer buses, and Lebanon's fleet of nearly 80 buses is aging. While Lebanon does have some newer buses, there are a dozen buses that are at least 20 years old, with the oldest being 24 years old. On average, it costs \$13,560 a year to operate and maintain an old bus, while the operation costs for a new bus is cut in half, at a cost of \$7,000 per year.

The district's previous plan was to replace eight buses each year. At approximately \$90,000 per bus, it would have cost \$720,000 annually for the next 10 years. This plan was not sustainable.

- Four new buses were purchased outright at a cost of \$180,000, a savings of \$180,000 thanks to reimbursements received from the State of Ohio's Bus Purchasing Program.

- The district is entering into a lease-to-purchase agreement for 16 new buses at a cost of \$368,000 per year for the next four years. The district will own the buses after the four year lease term expires.

- The plan moving forward is to replace 20 buses every four years, utilizing this new lease-to-purchase structure.

"It was not sustainable to spend almost a million dollars to purchase new buses," said Isaac Seevers, Superintendent. "This lease-to-purchase option is a good financial decision, making our fleet safer and better for our kids and for our community."

## Benefits of a New Bus Fleet:

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| #1 A new, dependable fleet transports students safely and on time | ↓\$ Lower fuel costs         |
| ↓\$ \$656,500 in operational savings over 5 years                 | ✓ Less spare buses needed    |
| ↓\$ Lower maintenance costs                                       | ✓ Increased driver retention |



# LEBANON CITY SCHOOLS

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# Fiscal Responsibility:

Spending COVID Relief Funds

School districts across the nation have received funding to support their response to the pandemic. Lebanon City Schools will receive a total of \$6.6 million in funding from state and federal sources in the next two years. To date, \$1.7 million has been spent and another \$4.9 million is budgeted to be spent in the next two years. Funds are budgeted and must be approved by the state, prior to spending.

## Lebanon will spend COVID Relief Funds in the Following Categories:



Curriculum and Instruction – \$628,806.97

Safety and Cleaning – \$638,842.59

Technology – \$1,972,195.21

Personnel – \$1,419,034.91

Building Improvements – \$1,921,078.89

Other Purchases – \$26,198.78



## LEBANON CITY SCHOOLS

### 2022 APRIL / MAY CALENDAR



**April 29:** NO SCHOOL for Students  
Staff Work Day

**May 1:** Registration Begins for  
New Students in Grades 1-12  
for the 2022-2023 School Year

**May 11:** Community Builders Recognition Event  
7:00 p.m., District Performance Center

**May 21:** Class of 2022  
Graduation Ceremony

**May 24:** LAST DAY OF SCHOOL



We are excited to welcome the  
**CLASS OF 2035!**

If you have a child who turns 5 by August 1 this year,  
make sure you register them for kindergarten now.



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