

Arlington Public Schools
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**Subject: TRANSPORTATION VEHICLE FUND ~ BUS
 PURCHASE**

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Submitted by: _____ Sid Logan, Executive Director of Transportation _____

Date: _____ March 23, 2009 _____

Background Information:

Our school bus fleet is aging, with 12 of our 19 special needs buses and 12 of our 38 full sized buses being used several years beyond their design life (see figures 1 and 2). This purchase consists of one full sized bus, one special needs wheelchair bus and three special needs non-wheelchair buses. This purchase will allow us to discontinue using five of our oldest buses.

Administrative Consideration:

The need for replacing older buses was discussed at the March 9, 2009 Board Study Session. Buses will be purchased over a five-year payment cycle using Transportation Vehicle Funds (TVF). Payments will begin October 2009. State reimbursement for depreciation will also begin in the fall of 2009 and will extend for 13 years for the full size bus and 8 years for the special needs buses. Additional TVF funds have become available since the March 24, 2008 Board Meeting, due to a substantial increase in the purchase cost of new buses. Table 1 illustrates the projected balance of the TVF fund with this purchase. The purchase price will be \$409,000 total, as presented at the Board Study Session on March 9, 2009. This amount will allow us to purchase five buses with this amount, and not the four discussed at the Study Session.

Superintendent’s Recommendation:

That the Board approves the purchase of five new buses for Arlington School District.

Figure 1 – Current Special Needs School Bus Fleet

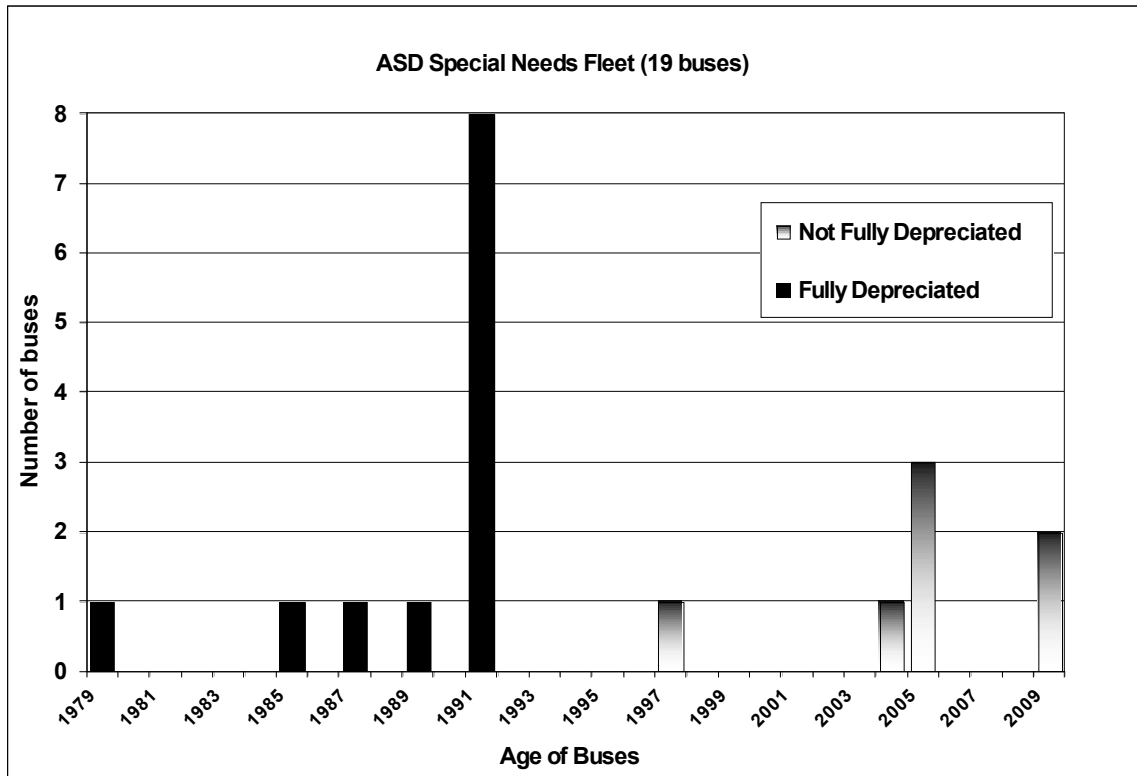


Figure 2 – Current Full Size School Bus Fleet

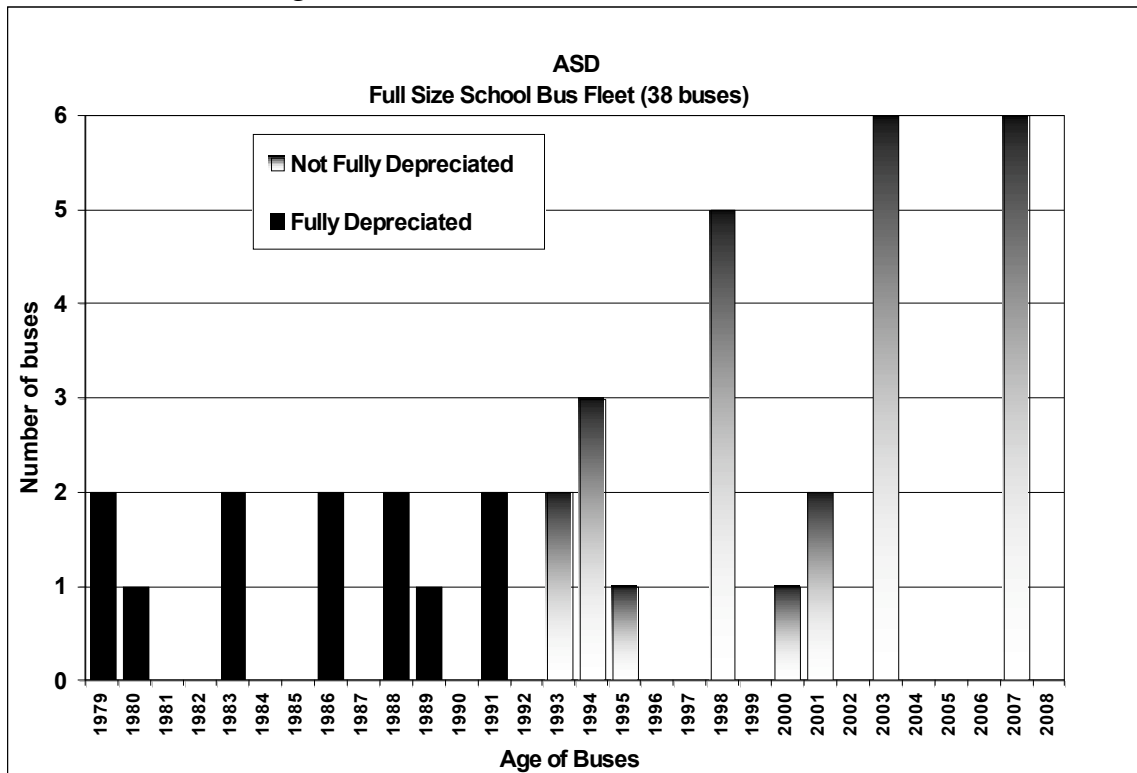


Table 1 – ASD Transportation Vehicle Fund Forecast

| | <u>Interest</u> | <u>Revenue</u> | <u>Existing Payments</u> | <u>New Payments</u> | <u>End of yr Balance</u> |
|------|-----------------|----------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| 2008 | | | | | \$73,389 |
| 2009 | \$2,107 | \$303,400 | \$282,605 | \$90,488 | \$5,803 |
| 2010 | \$649 | \$284,244 | \$183,905 | \$90,488 | \$16,303 |
| 2011 | \$1,179 | \$229,130 | \$59,087 | \$90,488 | \$97,037 |
| 2012 | \$3,353 | \$166,481 | \$33,841 | \$90,488 | \$142,542 |
| 2013 | \$4,727 | \$142,565 | \$0 | \$90,488 | \$199,346 |
| 2014 | \$7,086 | \$136,068 | \$0 | \$0 | \$342,500 |