

## SECTION II

### JUSTIFICATION FOR ADDITIONAL BUS PURCHASES, TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, AND/OR EARLY BUS REPLACEMENT

1. Pursuant to IC 20-40-18-9(2)(A), if the School Corporation is seeking to acquire or contract for transportation services that will provide for additional school buses or buses with a larger seating capacity as compared to the number and type of school buses from the prior school year, explain for each additional bus and the circumstances of the demand for increased transportation services within the School Corporation.

(Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

2. Pursuant to IC 20-40-18-9(4), if the School Corporation is seeking to replace an existing school bus earlier than twelve (12) years after the existing school bus was originally acquired or requires a contractor to replace a school bus, explain for each bus the circumstances for that need.

As indicated in the Sept 2022 amendment, Bus #150 is a 2012 International that we would like to trade in prior to the 12 year mark. This bus had a catastrophic engine failure due to an inherent problem with that particular engine. It is currently not running. We could replace the engine at a cost of \$22,000 but the replacement engine is susceptible to the same failure, even after the repair. Rather than sinking more money into an unknown, we are requesting to replace this bus with a newer propane model that aligns with our replacement plans in the next several years.

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