

**ELKHART  
COMMUNITY  
SCHOOLS**

**BUS REPLACEMENT  
PLAN**

**2024 - 2028**

**SCHOOL BUS REPLACEMENT PLAN  
FOR THE YEARS 2024 - 2028**

Pursuant to IC 20-40-18, Elkhart Community Schools does hereby submit to the Department of Local Government Finance the following School Bus Replacement Plan for the five (5) year period 2024 through 2028. This plan is based upon the presumption that the minimum useful life of a school bus is not less than twelve (12) years.

**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	Estimated Replacement Costs				
					2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
1	THOMAS/C2	29	C	Owned	\$ 178,477				
2	THOMAS/C2	35	C	Owned	\$ 178,477				
3	THOMAS/C2	41	C	Owned	\$ 178,477				
4	THOMAS/Safe-T-Liner	100	D	Owned	\$ 189,597				
5	THOMAS/Safe-T-Liner	145	D	Owned	\$ 189,597				
6	BLUEBIRD/VISION	28	C	Owned	\$ 153,273				
7	BLUEBIRD/VISION	73	C	Owned	\$ 153,273				
8	BLUEBIRD/VISION	76	C	Owned	\$ 153,273				
9	BLUEBIRD/VISION	133	C	Owned	\$ 153,273				
10	BLUEBIRD/VISION	134	C	Owned	\$ 153,273				
11	BLUEBIRD/VISION	138	C	Owned	\$ 153,273				
12	THOMAS/C2	146	C	Owned	\$ 153,273				
13	THOMAS/C2	54	C	Owned		\$ 183,831			
14	THOMAS/C2	60	C	Owned		\$ 183,831			
15	THOMAS/Safe-T-Liner	36	D	Owned		\$ 195,285			
16	THOMAS/Safe-T-Liner	37	D	Owned		\$ 195,285			
17	THOMAS/Safe-T-Liner	39	D	Owned		\$ 195,285			
18	THOMAS/C2	61	C	Owned		\$ 157,871			
19	THOMAS/C2	70	C	Owned		\$ 157,871			
20	BLUEBIRD/VISION	75	C	Owned		\$ 157,871			
21	THOMAS/C2	90	C	Owned		\$ 157,871			
22	BLUEBIRD/VISION	91	C	Owned		\$ 157,871			
23	BLUEBIRD/VISION	96	C	Owned		\$ 157,871			
24	BLUEBIRD/VISION	135	C	Owned		\$ 157,871			
25	THOMAS/C2	31	C	Owned			\$ 189,346		
26	THOMAS/C2	33	C	Owned			\$ 189,346		
27	THOMAS/Safe-T-Liner	40	D	Owned			\$ 201,144		
28	THOMAS/Safe-T-Liner	46	D	Owned			\$ 201,144		
29	THOMAS/C2	62	C	Owned			\$ 162,607		
30	THOMAS/C2	68	C	Owned			\$ 162,607		
31	THOMAS/C2	69	C	Owned			\$ 162,607		
32	THOMAS/C2	77	C	Owned			\$ 162,607		
33	BLUEBIRD/VISION	136	C	Owned			\$ 162,607		
34	THOMAS/C2	137	C	Owned			\$ 162,607		
35	THOMAS/C2	139	C	Owned			\$ 162,607		
36	THOMAS/C2	140	C	Owned			\$ 162,607		
37	CHEVY/THOMAS	97	A	Owned				\$ 112,723	
38	CHEVY/THOMAS	99	A	Owned				\$ 112,723	
39	THOMAS/Safe-T-Liner	45	D	Owned				\$ 207,178	
40	THOMAS/Safe-T-Liner	50	D	Owned				\$ 207,178	
41	IC Bus/CE Series	4	C	Owned				\$ 167,485	
42	IC Bus/CE Series	5	C	Owned				\$ 167,485	
43	IC Bus/CE Series	8	C	Owned				\$ 167,485	
44	IC Bus/CE Series	20	C	Owned				\$ 167,485	
45	IC Bus/CE Series	22	C	Owned				\$ 167,485	
46	IC Bus/CE Series	52	C	Owned				\$ 167,485	
47	THOMAS/C2	79	C	Owned				\$ 167,485	
48	THOMAS/C2	82	C	Owned				\$ 167,485	
49	IC Bus/CE Series	10	C	Owned					\$ 200,877
50	IC Bus/CE Series	12	C	Owned					\$ 200,877
51	THOMAS/Safe-T-Liner	48	C	Owned					\$ 213,393
52	IC Bus/CE Series	15	C	Owned					\$ 172,510
53	IC Bus/CE Series	18	C	Owned					\$ 172,510
54	IC Bus/CE Series	24	C	Owned					\$ 172,510
55	IC Bus/CE Series	53	C	Owned					\$ 172,510
56	IC Bus/CE Series	57	C	Owned					\$ 172,510
57	THOMAS/C2	87	C	Owned					\$ 172,510
58	IC Bus/CE Series	92	C	Owned					\$ 172,510
59	IC Bus/RE Series	94	C	Owned					\$ 172,510
60	IC Bus/RE Series	95	C	Owned					\$ 172,510
<b>Replacement Cost Totals</b>					<b>\$ 1,987,536</b>	<b>\$ 2,058,614</b>	<b>\$ 2,081,836</b>	<b>\$ 1,979,682</b>	<b>\$ 2,167,737</b>

**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.

(Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

## **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.

(Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

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

(Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT BUS REPLACEMENT PLAN  
Budget Year 2024**

This resolution is adopted by the Board of Trustees of the School Corporation below:

School Corporation Name:	Elkhart Community Schools
County:	Elkhart County

WHEREAS, A School Bus Replacement Plan has been established; and  
WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is required under IC 20-40-18-9 to adopt a plan for the School Bus Replacement Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees held a public hearing on the plan date and place below:

Meeting Date:	October 10, 2023
Meeting Location:	2720 California Road, Elkhart IN 46514

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees that the plan entitled "Bus Replacement Plan" this resolution, and is adopted as the Board of Trustees' Plan with respect to the School Bus Replacement Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees shall submit a certified copy of this resolution to the Department of Local Government Finance as required by IC 20-40-18-9.

Adoption Date:	October 24, 2023
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Secretary of Board of School Trustees