

MEMORANDUM NO. 2022-019

TO: School District Superintendents
School District Business Managers
School District Transportation Directors

FROM: Trent Carroll, Chief Operations Officer

DATE: February 7, 2022

SUBJECT: Student Transportation Vehicle Surcharges

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT FOR VEHICLES PURCHASED IN FISCAL YEAR 2022

It has recently come to the attention of WDE that school bus manufacturers and dealers have added surcharges to the price of new buses ordered in Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) that exceed the bid amounts offered during the competitive bidding process in 2021. The WDE is currently working through a legal analysis of this issue and exploring potential remedies. Until further notice, the WDE is only authorized to reimburse the base bid amounts for FY22 posted [here](#), effective through June 30, 2022.

The WDE recommends that districts contact the bus vendor(s) to determine if a surcharge will be applied to buses that have already been ordered for FY22 or that will be ordered in FY22. Please notify the WDE immediately regarding potential surcharges. If a district has received a WDE approval letter to purchase a bus in FY22, and chooses not to move forward with the purchase due to potential surcharges, please notify the WDE Transportation Director to obtain an approval letter for Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23).

Buses ordered in FY23 will be reimbursed at the amounts determined through the annual competitive bidding process occurring in June 2022.

For more information, contact Trenton Vonburg, State Transportation Director, at 307-777-6984 or trenton.vonburg@wyo.gov.