



# Rochester CUSD 3A

Communication, Empathy, Critical Thinking, Perseverance, Adaptability, Leadership

## Bus Lease Recommendation

An RFP was put out to enter into a 5-year lease for seven 77 passenger buses and one 54+2 passenger bus. The 54+2 bus means this bus is capable of transporting two wheelchairs at the same time. The request was sent to bus dealerships. One complete proposal was received from Midwest Transit.

Some of the highlights of Midwest's proposal:

- The 77 passenger buses are \$24,701 per bus per year
- The 54+2 bus is \$27,510 per year
- The total payment per year is \$ 200,417 per year
- The first year the entire payment is able to be entered into the transportation claim. In the following years the principal paid is allowed to be claimed.
- All buses have a 5 year warranty and Rush Trucking Center is a warranty service center.
- All of these buses have hydraulic brakes which will eliminate the need for one test for our potential drivers.
- There is additional equipment that was not in our original specifications. The total for this additional equipment is \$113 per year per bus for a total of \$4520 over the five-year lease. (higher quality water pump, additional driver storage, upgraded fasteners to stainless steel)

The recommendation is to accept the 5-year lease agreement with the additional equipment.

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