

# Porter Township School Corporation

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## RESOLUTION # 1025 - 328 2026 BUS REPLACEMENT PLAN ADOPTION

This resolution is adopted by the Board of School Trustees of Porter Township School Corporation of Porter County, Indiana.

**WHEREAS**, a Bus Replacement Plan has been established; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Board of School Trustees held a public hearing on the plan on the 11th day of September 2025, at 248 South 500 West, Valparaiso, IN 46385.

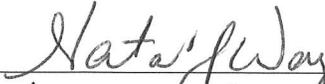
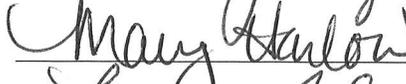
**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of School Trustees that the plan entitled "Bus Replacement Plan" this resolution, and is adopted as the Board of School Trustees' plan with respect to the Bus Replacement Plan.

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

**ADOPTED** this 9th day of October, 2025.

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ATTEST:   
 Secretary  
 Board of School Trustees  
 Porter Township School Corporation

**SCHOOL BUS REPLACEMENT PLAN  
FOR THE YEARS 2026 - 2030**

Pursuant to IC 20-40-18, **Porter Township School Corporation** does hereby submit to the Department of Local Government Finance the following School Bus Replacement Plan for the five (5) year period 2026 through 2030. 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				
					2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
1	2011 International 60 Pass w/lift	34	C	Owned	\$155,500				
2	2011 Thomas/Freightliner 48 pass w/lift	36	C	Owned			\$157,000		
3	2015 Thomas Chevy 14 Pass w/lift	43	A2	Owned	\$115,000				
4	2017 Cummins/Thomas 72 Pass	38	C	Owned					
5	2017 Thomas/Chevy 14 Pass	45	A2	Owned					\$117,000
6	2017 Thomas/Chevy 14 Pass	47	A2	Owned				\$115,000	
7	2018 Thomas 81 Pass	40	C	Owned					
8	2018 Thomas/Chevy 14 Pass	49	A2	Owned					
9	2020 Thomas/Chevy 14 Pass w/lift	51	A2	Owned					
10	2020 Thomas/Chevy 14 Pass	53	A2	Owned					
11	2020 Thomas/Chevy 14 Pass	55	A2	Owned					
12	2020 Thomas/Chevy 14 Pass w/lift	57	A2	Owned					
13	2022 Thomas/Chevy 14 Pass	59	A2	Owned					
14	2023 Thomas/Chevy 14 Pass	61	A2	Owned					
15	2023 Thomas/Chevy 14 Pass	63	A2	Owned					
16	2026 Thomas 81 Pass	42	C	Owned					
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<b>Replacement Cost Totals</b>					<b>\$ 270,500.00</b>		<b>\$ 157,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 115,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 117,000.00</b>

**SECTION II**  
**JUSTIFICATION FOR ADDITIONAL BUS PURCHASES, TRANSPORTATION SERVICES,**  
**AND/OR EARLY BUS REPLACEMENT**

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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.

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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.

Porter Township School Corporation is asking to replace a small 14 Passenger transportation bus earlier than the 12 year statute. These buses are gasoline powered and are used much more frequently than our larger buses. These are used for after school activity as well as Special Education routes during the school day. The mileage for the bus we are asking to replace this year as of August 2025 is 149,655 and it is being replaced on year 11 of use.

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1	2011 International 60 Pass w/lift	34	C	Owned	\$155,500												
2	2011 Thomas/Freightliner 48 pass w/lift	36	C	Owned			\$157,000										
3	2015 Thomas Chevy 14 Pass w/lift	43	A2	Owned	\$115,000												
4	2017 Cummins/Thomas 72 Pass	38	C	Owned						\$159,000							
5	2017 Thomas/Chevy 14 Pass	45	A2	Owned					\$117,000								
6	2017 Thomas/Chevy 14 Pass	47	A2	Owned			\$115,000										
7	2018 Thomas 81 Pass	40	C	Owned							\$163,000						
8	2018 Thomas/Chevy 14 Pass	49	A2	Owned							\$119,000						
9	2020 Thomas/Chevy 14 Pass w/lift	51	A2	Owned								\$130,000					
10	2020 Thomas/Chevy 14 Pass	53	A2	Owned								\$120,000					
11*	2020 Thomas/Chevy 14 Pass	55	A2	Owned									\$121,000				
12*	2020 Thomas/Chevy 14 Pass w/lift	57	A2	Owned									\$132,000				
13	2022 Thomas/Chevy 14 Pass	59	A2	Owned										\$123,000			
14	2023 Thomas/Chevy 14 Pass	61	A2	Owned											\$125,000		
15	2023 Thomas/Chevy 14 Pass	63	A2	Owned												\$127,000	
16	2026 Thomas 81 Pass	42	C	Owned													\$170,000
<b>Replacement Cost Totals</b>					<b>\$270,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$157,000</b>	<b>\$115,000</b>	<b>\$117,000</b>	<b>\$159,000</b>	<b>\$282,000</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$253,000</b>	<b>\$123,000</b>	<b>\$125,000</b>	<b>\$127,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

\*2020 Chasis, 2021 Body