

Lyon County School District Board Memo

Date: August 25, 2026
To: Board of School Trustees
From: Harman Bains, Executive Director of Operations
Re: Maintenance Vehicle Purchase

Recommendation:

The LCSD Board of Trustees approve the acquisition of a 2026 Chevrolet 3500HD Silverado truck in the amount of 83,906.25 to be paid from the Series 2023 bond funds.

Background Information:

The Transportation Department currently has only one service truck equipped to tow district vehicles and equipment. The remaining service trucks assigned throughout the district are aging and lack the capability to safely tow vehicles or heavy equipment. Given the large geographic area of the district and the significant distances traveled by district vehicles each day, relying on a single tow-capable truck is inefficient and does not adequately support operational needs.

The existing tow-capable unit is a 2013 Chevrolet 2500 single rear wheel truck with approximately 160,000 miles. While the truck remains in good mechanical condition, it is undersized for the towing and hauling demands placed on it. Pulling trailers and transporting vehicles and heavy equipment with a light-duty truck creates safety concerns and reduces efficiency, particularly over the long distances routinely covered within the district.

The Silverado 3500 being requested is purpose-built for these demands and is equipped with specialized upgrades, including toolboxes and a hydraulic lift gate, allowing mechanics to respond effectively to roadside service calls and transport mechanical equipment, parts, and supplies throughout the district.

Approval of this purchase also allows the district to improve fleet utilization at no additional cost. The 2013 Chevrolet 2500 will be reassigned to the Dayton transportation yard, where it will replace a 1998 unit with 239,378 miles, an inoperable crane, and tires due for replacement. The Dayton assignment does not involve trailer towing, making the lighter-duty truck well suited for that location, and its existing lift gate will improve the mechanic's ability to load tires and equipment. The displaced 1998 unit will be removed from service.

Budget Considerations:

Purchase to be paid from the Series 2023 bond funds.

Discussed at Previous Meeting:

N/A

Attachment(s):

GM dealer quote

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