

Manor Independent School District

Board of Trustees Meeting Agenda Item

April 20, 2026

INFO ITEM SHEET

RE: Student Transportation Safety Compliance and Anticipated Expenditure for Seat Belt Retrofitting and/or Fleet Replacement

Supporting Documents:

1. PowerPoint Presentation

District Goals*:

Goal 5: FACILITIES & MAINTENANCE- By 2026, Manor ISD will proactively provide facilities to ensure 100% of scholars will have safe, well-maintained, environmentally sustainable, and community accessible facilities.

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Background Information:

Administration is informing the Board of an anticipated expenditure related to student transportation safety and compliance with Texas Senate Bill 546 (89th Legislature), which requires all school buses to be equipped with three-point (lap-shoulder) seat belts.

MISD Transportation Department has identified 23 buses that will require retrofitting to meet these requirements, with an estimated cost of \$769,346.12. Costs may be reduced through partial fleet replacement with new, compliant buses.

Key deadlines include reporting compliance status and costs to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) by the end of the 2025–2026 school year, a required submission by May 29, 2026, if full funding is not feasible, and full compliance by September 1, 2029.

Administration will continue evaluating cost-saving options and funding opportunities and is seeking Board direction regarding funding and compliance planning.

Fiscal Implications:

The estimated cost to retrofit 23 existing buses with compliant three-point seat belt systems is **\$769,346.12**.

Potential cost reductions may be realized through:

- Phased replacement of older buses with new, compliant models
- Exploration of state funding, grants, or other financial assistance opportunities

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