**In your official records request you reference the emails you sent both on August 14 and August 17th stating: "To be clear, this form does not replace those letters, and no part of them is withdrawn." As such I am also replying to all the questions listed in your emails and in the records request, so as to not miss a question. As you will see, the questions are stated, followed by the response in bold to clearly delineate between the question and response.**

Letter dated Friday August 14

1. THE BUS PURCHASE
The resolution adopted for the March 14, 2023, election and the resolution adopted August 8, 2024, for the November 5, 2024, election each allocate $140,000 per year to "Maintenance and Transportation, including Bus Purchase."

I reviewed every monthly payables register the district published from July 2023 through June 2026 and found no purchase or lease of a school bus. The annual levy spending report for FY2026 places the entire maintenance and transportation category at $185,011.19.

Has the district purchased a school bus with levy funds during either levy period? If not, is a purchase planned before the current levy ends on June 30, 2027?

**The School District has not purchased a bus during the FY 24, FY25, FY 26.
Money was sent aside into the Bus depreciation fund in the amounts of $20,000, $16,500, and $13,500 in each of those years to go towards the purchase of a bus. As stated in the August 13, 2026 board meeting the board moved to go forward using the "Sourcewell" method of getting a bid for a bus purchase, and that will be utilized and paid for during FY 27.**

2. THE BUS BUILDING
The payables registers for September, October, and December 2023 show payments related to a bus building totaling approximately $283,624, most of it to Teton West of Rigby.

The FY2024 annual levy report places the entire maintenance and transportation category at $268,058.42 for that year, which is less than the building alone. I assume the building was properly paid from a separate capital or facilities fund rather than from maintenance and operations.

Which fund paid for the bus building, and what was the total cost?

**The cost of the Bus barn was paid out of "ESSER III funds" in the amount of $228,291.70 and out of the "Forest Funds" account in the amount of $123,393.32. The total cost came to $351,685.02. Neither of these funds are calculated in the annual levy reports.**

3. HOW THE AMOUNT WAS DETERMINED
The district has requested $250,000 per year in every levy election I have been able to document, going back to 2020, and Idaho Education News reported in 2019 that the amount dated to 2015.

For the levy the board intends to place before voters in November 2026, what analysis supports $250,000 as the amount needed? If a budget analysis, worksheet, or staff recommendation exists, a copy would answer this question completely.

**The Idaho State Department of Education is a great resource for information. On the State Department of Education website, you can find information in regards to all the levies in the State. You will find that the first Supplemental levy for Clark County was in 2012 for $150,000. It was increased to $250,000 FY 2016 and has remained that amount since then. The same report will show you that in FY 2024 and FY2025 the amount is actually less than $250,000 due to the offset from School District Facility Funds - Property Tax Relief (Idaho Code 33-911). When requesting the supplemental levy, the district cannot state that the overall property tax could be reduced by the school district facility funds-property tax relief due to the new laws around what is allowed or not allowed to be stated in the resolution language.**

**During the discussions held at previous board meetings in June and July 2026, based on the supplemental levy information posted to the website, it showed a continued need for additional funds to cover the 3 main areas. With the board authorizing a purchase of a new bus in FY 27, the need for another bus with the age of the bus fleet was not as critical as being able to assist with the cost of an SRO that is currently funded by a grant, that ends in September of 2027 and with the increase in cost of salaries not covered by the State Dept. of Ed in all categories the need seemed greater in that category. The Board also discussed the need to keep the levy amount the same or lower in cost for their tax payers. Based on those discussions, the amount allocated within the maintenance and transportation budget was reduced while increasing the salary and benefits category while maintaining the same overall amount as the previous levy amount. It was noted during the discussions that many surrounding districts were increasing their levy amounts over the years, while Clark has worked very hard to not have to increase the amount over the past years. The Board takes their financial responsibilities seriously, and as such The District went from a fund balance of $0 at the end of FY 20 to having what an amount the auditor prefers in order to cover all the federal fund expenditures that operate on a reimbursement basis. This was all done while not raising the supplemental levy amount.**

Letter dated August 17

My original question asked about two levy periods at once. One of them is still running, which makes it awkward to answer. Let me separate them.

The levy approved at the March 14, 2023, election funded fiscal years 2024 and 2025, running July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025. That period is now complete. Its ballot allocated $140,000 per year to "Maintenance and Transportation, including Bus Purchase."

I have reviewed every monthly payables register the district published across those two years, along with both annual levy spending reports, and I find no purchase or lease of a school bus in them. That is the reason for this letter. If a purchase was made and I have overlooked it, or if it was recorded somewhere other than the payables registers, I would rather learn that from the district than publish something inaccurate.

For that completed period only:

1. Was a school bus purchased with any portion of those funds? If so, on what date and at what cost?

**As stated in response to the first letter there was not a bus purchased during FY24 or FY 25 nor FY 26. Money was set aside in each of those years in the bus depreciation fund that can solely be used for the purchase of a bus. See full details in answer to question #1 above from August 14th.**

2. If no school bus was purchased during that period, knowing that is an equally useful answer. A single sentence is sufficient. **See previous answer.**

3. A copy of the district's vehicle inventory or fixed asset schedule for buses, showing acquisition dates. If such a record exists in any form it answers questions 1 and 2 outright and nothing further is needed.

**The following is the purchase guidelines of all District owned vehicles:**

**Bus 99**
**Bus 07**
**Bus 15**

The above purchase dates are not readily available and will require numerous additional hours to research at a charged hourly rate if you wish to know.

**Bus 20** Purchased spring 2019
**Bus 21** Purchased fall of 2021

**Driver's Ed Car 2018 Ford Explorer** Purchased June of 2022
**School Car 2019 Chevrolet Equinox** Purchased April 2024

**School Van 2025 Ford Transit Passenger Van** Initial payment made June of 2022 with the order of Van, with final amount upon delivery Spring 2025

**Maintenance Pickup 2001 Dodge-** The purchase date is not readily available and will require numerous additional hours to research at a charged hourly rate if you wish to know.

**Maintenance Pickup 2016 Ford F350** purchased winter of 2024

In response to questions on Records request dated August 17th

ITEM 1 — The bus purchase now under way

At its meeting of August 13, 2026, the Board approved the use of Sourcewell to obtain quotes for a school bus. Requested: the quotes obtained through Sourcewell, any purchase order, contract, or order confirmation issued for that bus, and any record identifying the fund from which the purchase will be paid.

**Ther Board approved using the "Sourcewell" system to obtain a quote. At the time of the meeting and in response to this request, no quotes have been obtained using this system yet. Thus, no contract or order or any records currently exist. When the final quote is discussed with the board, if funds are needed beyond what has been set aside yearly into the bus depreciation fund it will be discussed where those funds will come from.**

ITEM 2 — The bus building

The District's published check registers show payments for a bus building totaling approximately $352,193 between June and December 2023, most of it to Teton West of Rigby, Idaho, beginning with a payment of $68,569.40 on or about June 1, 2023. Requested: records showing the fund and account to which those payments were charged; the purchase order, contract, and any change orders; and any procurement records for the project, including any notice inviting bids, bids or proposals received, and the award.

**As was answered in question from initial letter** "**The cost of the Bus barn was paid out of "ESSER III funds" in the amount of $228,291.70 and out of the "Forest Funds" account in the amount of $123,393.32. The total cost came to $351,685.02. Neither of these funds are calculated in the annual levy reports.**

**The Board approved the Teton West bid in May of 2023 based off the bids received. These minutes can be found on the district website.**

**Attached to the email is a copy of the bids quotes submitted, along with the detail of payments made to Teton West.**

ITEM 3 — How the $250,000 amount was determined

Any budget analysis, worksheet, calculation, staff memorandum, or recommendation used or considered by the Board in determining the amount of $250,000 per year for the supplemental levy, with respect to each of the resolutions adopted on or about November 10, 2022, August 8, 2024, and August 13, 2026.

As stated in the reply to the same question submitted on August 17 for the current resolution amount: "**During the discussions held at previous board meetings, based on the supplemental levy information posted to the website, it showed a continued need for additional funds to cover the 3 main areas. With the board authorizing a purchase of a new bus in FY 27, the need for another bus with the age of the bus fleet was not as critical as being able to assist with the cost of an SRO that is currently funded by a grant, that ends in September of 2027 and the increase in cost of salaries not covered by the State Dept. of Ed in all categories. The Board also discussed the need to keep the levy amount the same or lower in cost for their tax payers. Based on those discussions, the amount allocated**

**within the maintenance and transportation budget was reduced while increasing the salary and benefits category while maintaining the same overall amount as the previous levy amount. It was noted during the discussions that many surrounding districts were increasing their levy amounts over the years, while Clark has worked very hard to not have to increase the amount over the past years."**

**In regards to the resolutions you requested for November 2022, and August 2024. Similar discussions were held during board meetings leading up to the final resolution languages in both instances. Discussion included areas of need, financially where the school district was at, and what areas the need for additional funding besides what the state sends was needed in. Knowing that another school bus would be needed it was determined to include money to be set aside towards a purchase each year and build up the fund until such a purchase could be made as expenses in the maintenance and transportation areas allowed.**

ITEM 4 — The resolution adopted August 13, 2026
A copy of the supplemental levy resolution adopted by the Board on August 13, 2026, as adopted, including the official ballot language set out in it.
**The Resolution is part of the information in the board packet that you request in Item #5**

ITEM 5 — Board materials for the August 13, 2026 meeting
The board packet or meeting materials distributed to trustees for that meeting, including the finance report referred to during the meeting.
**Information that was in the board packet of the August 13th meeting, is attached to this email.**
ITEM 6 — Audited balances and carryover
The District's most recent audited financial statements, together with any schedule or report showing the general fund balance and the portion of revenue carried over from prior years. The Board was advised on August 13, 2026 that audited balances and carryover figures would be presented at a following meeting.
**Following Thursday night's board adoption of the FY26 audit, the final Audit was uploaded to the website on August 17th. If you need a copy of it, there will be a charge to print off and mail to you. In regards to your statement "that audited balances and carryover figures would be presented at a following meeting", I had referred to the monthly financial report that I provide the board each month for them to see at a snapshot, where the district is in every fund in regards to expenses and revenues, and once the audit is final and approved, those monthly reports will now reflect that information on it for them. Since the report was not final, nor approved, that information was not available for the report on July's expenses and revenues.**

NOTES

1. If a requested record is exempt from disclosure in part, the District is asked to produce it with the exempt portion redacted and to identify the exemption relied upon, as provided by Idaho law. **Nothing was redacted on the items shared with you at this point. The detailed payroll report given to the board was not included in the documents shared from the Board packet due to the need to redact too much. The July gross pay report is available on the website if you want to see that.**

2. If a requested record does not exist, a written statement to that effect is requested in place of the record. No record need be created in response to this request.

**The detail of the inventory and purchase date of all district vehicles is not a report that exists. With the intent to not be seen as not sharing information, did provide a list of vehicles and their purchase timeline in the written response here after a quick investigation into the purchase history that occurred within the district the past few years.**

3. Several items are already posted publicly, and nothing already on the District website is requested here. **As stated above, the FY 26 audit is on website, but you requested it. If you want copies of it, there will be a charge.**

4. If fulfilling this request will result in any charge, please notify me of the estimated amount before the work is performed.

**At this time, it has taken over 2 hours to gather the information you requested, provide the information in a format that can be sent to you electronically and answer the questions you posed in your August 14th, 17th emails along with the public records request. Please be aware that per policy 4260**

**"….3. The District will charge for the labor costs associated with locating and copying documents if: A. The request is for more than 100 pages of records; B. The request includes nonpublic information that must be redacted from the public records; or C. The labor associated with locating and copying the records exceeds two hours.**

**4. The fees for labor associated with responding to a public records request shall be charged at the per hour pay rate of the lowest-paid administrative staff employee of the District who is necessary and qualified to process the request……"**

**At this time, any further requests for information in regards to the above listed areas will incur a charge at a rate of $55.36 per hour.**

5. Delivery by email to allen_laird@outlook.com is requested and is acceptable for every item. Please direct correspondence about this request in writing rather than by telephone.