

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

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TO: School Board Members

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VIA: Robert W. Runcie *RWR*
Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: **REVISION TO EE-5, PIGGYBACK RECOMMENDATION OF \$500,000 OR GREATER – FY20-173 – SCHOOL BUSES, FOR THE FEBRUARY 4, 2020, SCHOOL BOARD OPERATIONAL MEETING**

Attached is a revision to EE-5, Piggyback Recommendation of \$500,000 or Greater – FY20-173 – School Buses, for the February 4, 2020, School Board Operational Meeting.

Exhibits:

- Revised Executive Summary page 2

RWR/MLW/MCC:bm
Attachment

cc: Senior Leadership Team

**Piggyback Recommendation of \$500,000 or Greater
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**Financial Impact
Responsible: PWS and STFS**

The School Board approved the five (5) year District Education Facilities Plan on September 4, 2019, allocating \$10,700,000 for the purchase of new buses. The estimated requested spending authority is based on the purchase of approximately one hundred (100) buses at an estimated cost of \$107,000 per bus.

Estimated cost per bus		\$107,000
Approximate number of buses	(x)	100
Total cost		\$10,700,000

Funding for this ITB will come from the Capital Budget.

The District utilized its Master Lease Agreement with Bank of America (BofA) to obtain lease financing. After several discussions with BofA, the District was able to reduce the initial interest rate offered of one-point nine thousand three hundred thirty-seven (1.9337) percent by zero-point two hundred fifty-one (0.0251) percent, resulting in a final interest rate of one-point nine thousand eighty-six (1.9086) percent for an eight (8) year term.

Comparing a similar lease transaction with Alachua Schools, they obtained a seven (7) year lease in December 2019 for one-point eight thousand three hundred forty (1.8340) percent. Based on today's market, that lease would have a rate of one-point eight thousand seven hundred thirty-five (1.8735) percent. If the District's lease was for seven (7) years, BofA would match that rate. However, with the additional year [from seven (7) to eight (8) years] the insignificant/incremental increase of zero-point three hundred fifty-one (0.0351) percent one-point eight thousand seven hundred thirty-five vs. one-point nine hundred eight (1.8735 vs. 1.908) percent still allowed the District to achieve a very competitive rate. Also, BofA allowed the District to lock the rate until February 12, 2020, with no additional cost.

The amount requested was determined based on STFS requirements to satisfy the needs of the District. The financial impact amount represents an estimate contract value; however, the amount authorized will not exceed the estimated contract award amount.