



## FY 2021 Recommended Budget Budget Question

**Board Question #: 55**

**BUDGET QUESTION:** Reference was made at the 2/25/2020 Board meeting to the current average age of the bus fleet being between 5 and 6 years. Please provide information on the expected full life span of a bus, the mileage at which they are typically replaced, and State requirements pertaining to bus replacements.

**RESPONDING DEPARTMENT/OFFICE:** Schools

**RESPONSE:** The school bus replacement program is based on State recommendations of no more than 15 years of service with 13 years of mainstream service and 2 years of spare usage. The average mileage for our buses when removed from service is approximately 225,000. The number one concern as the bus ages is metal fatigue, which is very difficult to diagnose or see. It is of special concern when operating in a rural environment due to road conditions. 15 years is the absolute maximum length of time that a bus can safely be in service.

### AVERAGE AGE OF BUS FLEET 2020

TITLED	AGE/YR		#'s		TOTAL YRS	
2019	1	X	46		46	
2018	2	X	46		92	
2017	3	X	41		123	
2016	4	X	25		100	
2015	5	X	34		170	
2014	6	X	33		198	
2013	7	X	25		175	
2012	8	X	12		96	
2011	9	X	4		36	
2010	10	X	6		60	
2009	11	X	38		418	
2008	12	X	0		0	
2007	13	X	41		533	
2006	14	X	30		420	
			Total = 381		2467	
			<b>Avg Age</b>		2467/381 =	<b>6.475 yrs</b>

**ESTIMATE OF STAFF TIME SPENT ON RESPONSE:**