

## SECTION II

### JUSTIFICATION FOR ADDITIONAL BUS PURCHASES, TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, AND/OR EARLY BUS REPLACEMENT

1. Pursuant to IC 20-40-18-9(3)(A), if the School Corporation is seeking to acquire or contract for transportation services that will provide for additional school buses or buses with a larger seating capacity as compared to the number and type of school buses from the prior school year, explain for each additional bus and the circumstances of the demand for increased transportation services within the School Corporation.

2. Pursuant to IC 20-40-18-9(4), if the School Corporation is seeking to replace an existing school bus earlier than twelve (12) years after the existing school bus was originally acquired or requires a contractor to replace a school bus, explain for each bus the circumstances for that need.

**The mileage and usage of our Type B (Special Needs) buses have significantly increased as a result of increased demand for Morning, Mid-Day, and Afternoon routes which transport students with special needs to new and existing programs such as Developmental Preschool, PCES. Some of these programs are intra-district and some are outside the district. This results in an increase in mileage on a day to day basis. Some routes are 50 miles round trip per day and over an hour load time for students. Bus #70 is being replaced one year early because of the high mileage and the increased maintenance costs. The frequent use of the wheelchair lift has resulted in repairs and continual maintenance. The heavy rust that is present on frame due to frequent exposure to road salt is affecting A/C lines and condenser. Fuel injectors will also need replacement soon which is a costly repair.**