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VIA EMAIL

Dear: Public School Districts, Independent Schools, and Band Operated School Authorities

Re: 2026/27 School Bus Purchasing Letter

In consultation with the Ministry of Infrastructure, the Association of School Transportation Services of BC (ASTSBC) has coordinated a Bus Standing Offer for the purchase of school buses by public school districts, independent schools, and band operated school authorities.

ASTSBC is offering this service independently and with the understanding that the Ministry will not provide additional funding or compensation for any costs or fees associated with the Bus Standing Offer.

Bus vendors were invited to submit standing offer prices for buses and components that meet applicable federal and provincial requirements, CSA D250-22 standards, and the minimum specifications set out in TRA-26-01.

At this time, import tariffs do not apply to buses listed under TRA-26-01. However, due to ongoing trade uncertainty, purchasers are strongly encouraged to confirm with vendors the terms of their contracts, including the potential application of import tariffs at delivery and invoicing. Any import tariffs imposed in the future will be the responsibility of the purchaser.

In consultation with vendors regarding potential import tariffs, public school districts should contact the Ministry at the time of delivery and invoicing to determine whether any funding coverage or cost-sharing may be available.

All import tariff charges will be shown as a separate line item on vendor invoices and must be supported by documentation (e.g., a Customs Invoice) to ensure transparency and accountability.

Purchasers are encouraged to remain informed and consult directly with vendors regarding any costs beyond the standing offer prices in TRA-26-01.

Approved vendors may be contacted directly to purchase school buses between **April 1 and June 1, 2026**. Purchases may be completed using a Draw Down Form, typically available through this Bus Standing Offer [link](#).

Purchasers considering electric buses should first review available supplementary funding opportunities and requirements at this [link](#) before contacting bus vendors. Public school districts are also to confirm their electric

bus approvals and funding are in place via their 2026/27 Capital Budget Outcomes and Next Steps Letter from the Ministry.

Public school districts may contact Ministry Branch Director [Michael Nyikes](#) regarding the above-mentioned, with independent schools and band operated school authorities to contact their representative organizations ([Federation of Independent School Associations](#), [First Nations Education Steering Committee](#)). Alternatively, bus purchasers may also contact the [Association of School Transportation Services of BC](#).

Sincerely,



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Ministry of Infrastructure

Approved 2026/27 BC Bus Vendor Contact Information

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Velocity Truck Centre Vancouver (Thomas Built Bus)

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