

## DID YOU KNOW.....

- A **Transportation Vehicle Fund Levy** may ONLY be used to purchase school buses. Once the buses are purchased, the State provides reimbursement funding per bus over the next 13 year period.
- The proposed levy would fund approximately 25 new school buses.
- Our last Transportation Vehicle Fund Levy occurred in 1993, resulting in the purchase of 10 buses. Those buses are now nearing 22 years old.
- We have an expert team of mechanics and drivers who care for our fleet. We pass State Patrol safety inspections every year. Even 25 year-old buses are certified safe for student transportation, a testament to the dedication of our transportation staff.
- New school buses are safer for our students, with ABS air brakes, camera security systems, Global Positioning Systems, higher and more cushioned seats and seatbacks, acoustic ceilings, improved noise reduction, 8-way LED light systems for better visibility, and wider step entry for safe entry/exit for students.
- New buses are more reliable with less on-road breakdowns. East Valley covers 100 square miles for transporting students to and from school along with local music, field trip, activity, and athletic contests. We also transport students extended distances within our leagues to contests far from home and often late at night.
- New buses are at least 50% more fuel efficient, obtaining 9-14 miles per gallon rather than 6-7 miles per gallon. With 35 bus routes and 576,000 annual miles, that's a savings of \$96,000 per year minimum, based on increasing fuel efficiency from 6 to 9 miles per gallon, given a diesel fuel price per gallon of \$3.00.
- In 2012, the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction compared our district bus maintenance expenses to a similar sized district with a modern bus fleet, and found that we spent 58% (\$116,000) more on fleet maintenance.
- New buses meet stringent environmental and emission standards. Exhaust is clean, without the diesel smoke seen emanating from older, less efficient buses. Cabin air for the students is clean and free of diesel smoke.