

FY 2022 Year-End Designations & FY 2023 Budget Update

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FY 2022 Year-End Outlook

Projections indicate significant year-end funding due to accumulated vacancy savings.

- Typical vacancy rate is single digits
- Current year vacancies ranged from 30 - 40+ for this year
- The Board took action in November to authorize a one-time transfer of up to \$500,000 from projected year-end funds to maintain 5 social worker positions beyond FY 2022 that were originally funded from an anonymous private foundation in August, 2020
- Current projections indicate that year-end funds may total up to \$1.7 million

The following are additional recommendations for designating year-end funds to address non-recurring operational priorities.

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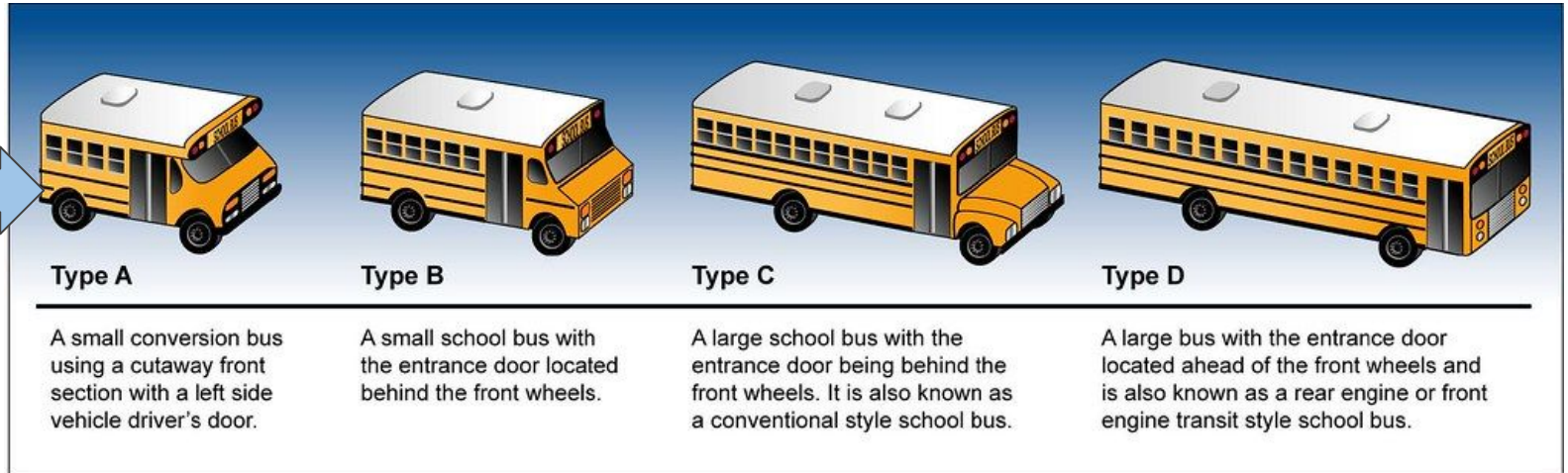


Year-End Designation: Safety & Security

- Grant application is made each July, but the awards have become later each year - slipping from September/October out to January for 2022
- Each award can cover equipment purchases back to the VPSA bond sale (typically in May, prior to the grant application deadline), and funds are to be expended by June 30th of the following year
- Project execution before the June deadline is difficult when projects can't begin until after awards, and becomes impossible with current supply issues
 - CCS has received a 90 day extension to spend out the 2022 award due to supply chain issues
- Board action has been required to designate year-end funds and/or use of fund balance to meet the local match requirement for the state school security equipment grant
- As security systems have been expanded, funding is also needed to maintain these systems
- **RECOMMENDATION:**
 - **Recurring annual designation from available year-end funds to the security equipment project in the Special Revenue Funds (Designated Programs/Grants) an amount sufficient to maintain a balance up to \$350,000 (the current maximum annual grant award with required local match of \$312,500 plus \$37,500 allowance for maintenance and security work that is not grant eligible).**
 - Enable continuous execution on security projects
 - Address execution issues caused by award delays and exasperated by supply chain issues (essential to continue participation in this grant program)
 - Hold funds for security projects in CCS special revenues rather than small cap (align funds with where the projects are managed)
 - Provide funding specifically for maintenance of the security systems



Year-End Designation: Type A Buses

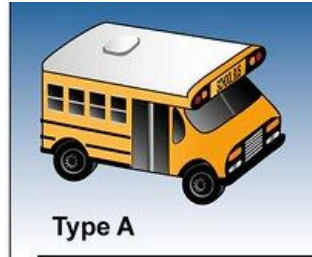


Source: GAO presentation of 2015 National School Transportation Specifications and Procedures. | GAO-17-209

- As of February, individuals with the S endorsement on a regular license can transport students in Type A buses
- We now have an option to transport up to 14 students via Type A bus without a CDL
- As of 5/27/2022, 36 CCS employees have expressed interest in driving the Type A buses

Type A Bus Program Information

- Dual Employment - Common in Counties
 - IA/Bus Driver
 - Custodian/Bus Driver
 - Nutrition/Bus Driver
- Current Lead Time for Type A Buses ~9 Months (March 2023)
- **RECOMMENDATION:**
 - Establish within the Special Revenue Funds (Designated Programs/Grants) a project for the purchase of Type A buses
 - ***Designate up to \$800,000 of projected FY 2022 year-end funds for the purchase of up to 10 Type A buses and implementation of a dual employment pilot program to help fill the persistent gap between supply & demand for pupil transportation services***
 - Develop driver compensation plan
 - Develop fleet management plan (fuel, maintenance, etc.)
 - Develop need & efficiency based driver selection criteria and the driver training program in conjunction with Pupil Transportation
- Additional Uses for Type A Buses:
 - Extra & Co-Curricular Trips
 - Alternative Programs





FY 2023 Budget Update

- General Assembly scheduled to adopted the State's FY 2023 Budget on June 1, 2022.
- House and Senate versions of the budget released on March 1, 2002, when compared to the Governor's budget had less revenue for CCS:
 - House was \$126k less
 - Senate was \$ 48k less
- Bottomline totals of FY 2023 budget will not change, because the adjustment in State revenues, up or down, will be balanced through the amount of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funding.



Summary of Recommendations for FY 2022 Year End Funds

- The General Fund is projected to have significant favorable year-end variance due to unfilled positions (vacancy savings) during the fiscal year.
- Transfer up to \$1,150,000 from FY 2022 year-end funds from the General Fund to Special Revenue Funds - Designated Programs/Grants for:
 - Safety & Security (up to \$350,000)
 - Type A Bus Program (up to \$800,000)
- The source of the transfer would be City Appropriation. The Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds would not be used towards these projects.

Recommended Action:

Transfer up to \$1,150,000 from projected FY 2022 year-end funds from the General Fund to Designated Programs/Grants in the Special Revenues Fund to support Safety & Security projects and implementation of a Type A Bus program.