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EPA Grant to Aid Auburn School District Bus Purchases

(KLZA)-- The Auburn School Board Monday night approve the expenditure of nearly a quarter millions dollars for three new school buses, but the cost to the school will be less than \$200,000.

Superintendent Kevin Reiman said the \$60,000 in grants received from the EPA will help the district update the bus fleet, and should help with efficiency.

This is the second time the Auburn School District has received grant funding for a new bus. Reiman says difficult financial times in past years caused the district to try and stretch the life on some school buses, so the EPA grants have been extremely helpful in getting the bus program back on track.

A 30-passenger bus and two buses with the capacity to haul 54 students each will be purchased. The outright cost will be \$249,365. The grant monies will bring the cost to the school district down to \$189,365. Superintendent Reiman says in order to spread the costs out over three years, the district will seek a loan.

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