

# Eanes ISD adds propane buses to fleet

## Cost-saving measures spawned by state funding cuts

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AUSTIN (KXAN) - Eanes Independent School District added 25 new propane-powered buses to its fleet on Wednesday.

The district was able to purchase the buses thanks to \$2.3 million in grants from the Texas Railroad Commission and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Eanes ISD officials said the new buses will help reduce emissions and save approximately \$75,000 annually in fuel and maintenance costs.

The new buses will also be outfitted with advertising to bring in additional revenue after the state cut \$4 million in education funding this year.

"These two transportation initiatives will bring revenue into Eanes ISD, save money and help our environment with reduced emissions," Dr. Nola Wellman, superintendent of schools, said.

Some of the new safety features on the buses include:

- Cameras that take pictures of vehicles illegally passing the bus
- Back-up camera
- LED sign on the rear door that will flash text when the bus stops.

The transportation grant also includes an on-site propane fueling station that will save \$1.80 per gallon on propane rather than diesel.

The new buses will join nearly 1,700 propane buses already traveling Texas roads.

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