

Subject: Choose one of the options below

- Please apply to EPA Clean Heavy Duty Vehicle Program for electric vehicle funding
- [SCHOOL DISTRICT] should take advantage of EPA program for new school vehicles
- Federal funding for [SCHOOL DISTRICT/MUNICIPALITY] now available!

Dear [Superintendent/School Board Member/Mayor/Councilmember/etc.]:

I wanted to share this opportunity to save [SCHOOL DISTRICT/MUNICIPALITY] money through federal funding that will cover the upfront cost of new school buses OR non-school bus Class 6/7 vehicles. The EPA Clean Heavy Duty Vehicle Program just opened applications for nearly \$1 billion in grants for school districts and municipalities to purchase electric school buses and other battery-electric vehicles. Applications are due on July 25, 2024. Additional information can be found [here](#).

As a [parent/community member/student], I'm concerned about the negative effects diesel fumes have on our community. Studies show that diesel exhaust:

- Can be 4-12 times more polluting than ambient air
- Worsens or leads to asthma, heart and lung diseases, and even cancer
- Impacts students' cognitive abilities and performance in school tests
- Pollutes our environment and worsens air quality

Electric school buses produce zero tailpipe emissions, improve air quality for children and drivers, and are saving school districts money on fueling and maintenance costs. Other school districts in [STATE] have found them to perform well in a variety of conditions, better than diesel.

The EPA Clean Heavy Duty Vehicle Program is providing grants to cover the incremental cost of electric trucks and buses and their charging stations, as well as driver/mechanic training and project management. States, public school districts, municipalities and tribal nations are eligible to apply now through July 25. If you're interested in exploring this exciting opportunity, please check out [EPA's comprehensive website](#), attend an [upcoming informational webinar](#), and [sign up to receive program announcements](#).

We would be happy to [share resources](#), connect you with other school districts who've electrified, and answer any questions you have about this program or electric school buses. If you're available to meet, please let us know and we can arrange a call at your earliest convenience.

We urge you to apply for EPA funding and bring electric school buses to [SCHOOL DISTRICT/MUNICIPALITY NAME]!

Thank you,

[NAME, ADDRESS]