



FUNDING FOR CLEAN SCHOOL BUSES

CLEAN SCHOOL BUS PROGRAM – BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW

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WHY SCHOOL BUSES?

School buses travel over 3 billion miles annually, providing transportation for more than 25 million children daily. Most school buses run on diesel fuel

- ✓ Diesel buses create tailpipe pollution, which causes a wide range of health issues
- ✓ Children are more vulnerable to diesel pollution than adults
- ✓ The air inside a school bus can be more polluted than the air outside of it

The solution: Electric buses!

- ✓ Can cut diesel emissions in communities burdened by air pollution and high rates of childhood asthma
- ✓ Electric buses cost 60% less to operate and maintain

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Program goals

- ✓ Replace existing school buses with new clean buses that produce either zero or low tailpipe emissions compared to their older diesel predecessors
- ✓ School bus upgrades funded under this program will result in cleaner air on the bus, in bus loading areas, and in the communities in which they operate



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Clean School Bus Program



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Eligible Applicants*

State and local governmental entities responsible for providing bus service to one or more public school systems

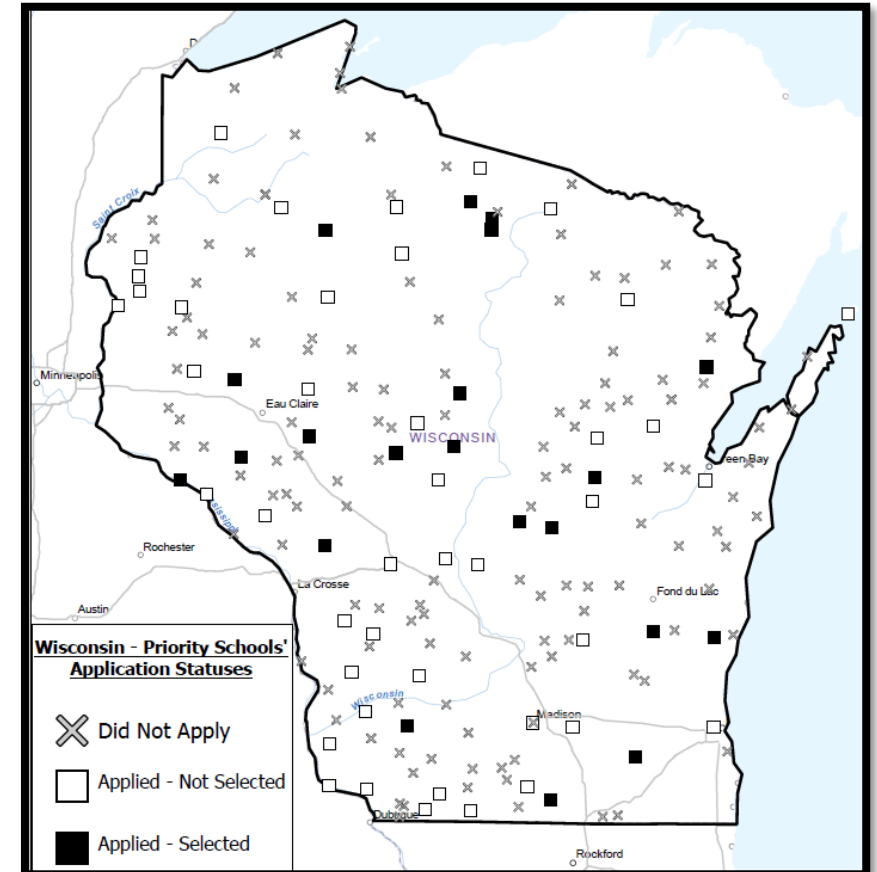
Nonprofit School Transportation Associations

Indian Tribes, Tribal Organizations, or tribally controlled schools

Eligible Contractors

2022 CLEAN SCHOOL BUS (CSB) REBATES PROGRAM OVERVIEW

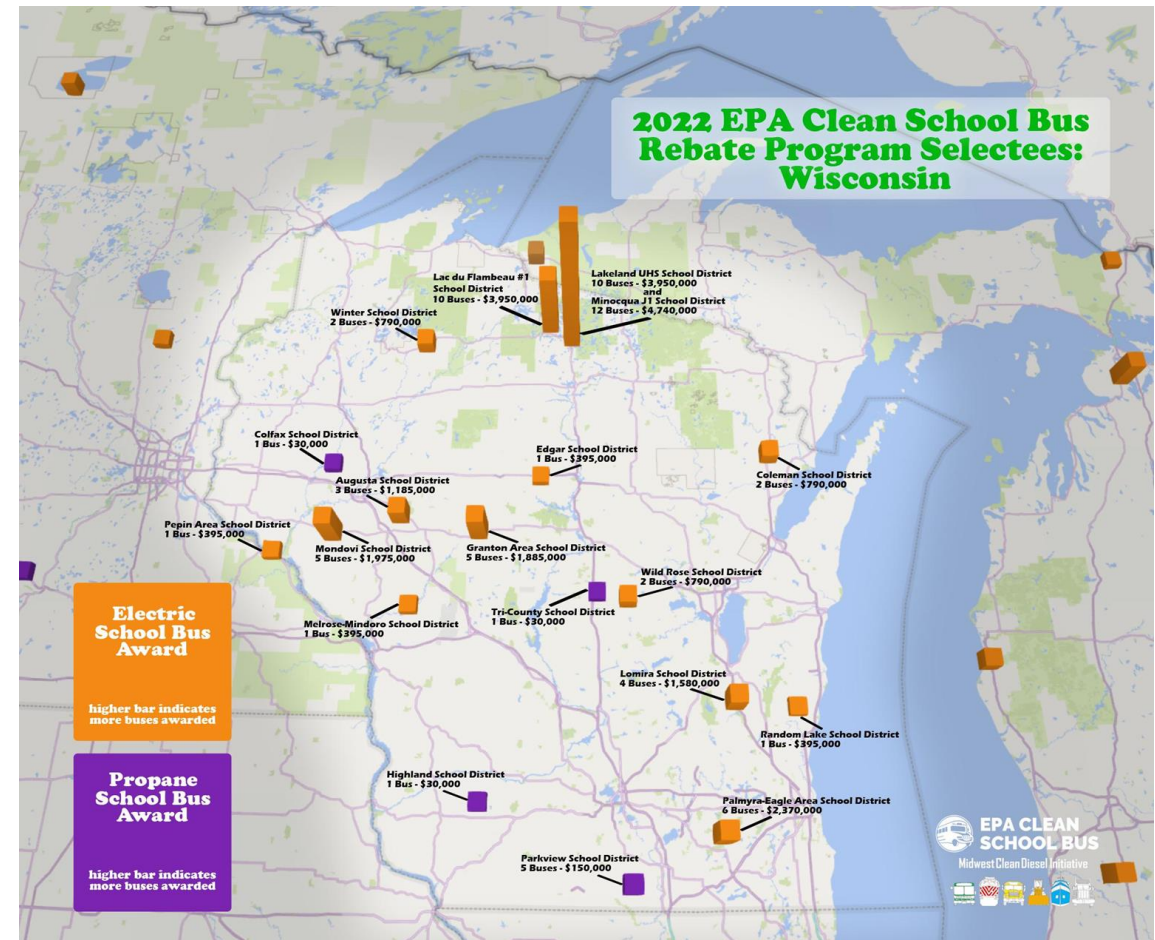
- ✓ Simple online application
- ✓ Lottery (random number generator)
- ✓ Prioritized high-need districts and low-income areas, rural districts, and tribal districts (198 priority school districts in WI)
- ✓ Awards:
 - ✓ Up to \$375,000 per electric bus (up to 25 buses)
 - ✓ Up to \$20,000 per charging station
 - ✓ \$30,000 – \$45,000 for propane or Nat. Gas bus



2022 CLEAN SCHOOL BUS (CSB) REBATES PROGRAM RESULTS

- ✓ Wisconsin school districts awarded \$25.6 million (65 electric school buses)
- ✓ Selectees submit Payment Request Forms with purchase orders by April 28, 2023
- ✓ School districts must receive new buses and install EV chargers by October 2024

<https://www.renewwisconsin.org/wisconsin-school-buses-are-going-electric/>



2022 CLEAN SCHOOL BUS (CSB) REBATES PROGRAM RESULTS

Applicant Organization	School District	Number of Buses Requested	Total Rebate Amount Awarded
BLUE BIRD BODY COMPANY	Lomira School District	4	\$1,580,000
NAVISTAR, INC.	Random Lake School District	1	\$395,000
NAVISTAR, INC.	Palmyra-Eagle Area School District	6	\$2,370,000
NAVISTAR, INC.	Coleman School District	2	\$790,000
NAVISTAR, INC.	Edgar School District	1	\$395,000
THE LION ELECTRIC CO USA INC	Granton Area School District	5	\$1,885,000
NAVISTAR, INC.	Lac du Flambeau #1 School District	10	\$3,950,000
NAVISTAR, INC.	Lakeland UHS School District	10	\$3,950,000
NAVISTAR, INC.	Minocqua J1 School District	12	\$4,740,000
MELROSE MINDORO SCHOOL DISTRICT	Melrose-Mindoro School District	1	\$395,000
AUGUSTA SCHOOL DISTRICT	Augusta School District	3	\$1,185,000
MONDOVI SCHOOL DISTRICT	Mondovi School District	5	\$1,975,000
BLUE BIRD BODY COMPANY	Pepin Area School District	1	\$395,000
NAVISTAR, INC.	Winter School District	2	\$790,000
BLUE BIRD BODY COMPANY	Wild Rose School District	2	\$790,000
		65	\$25,585,000

FUTURE CSB FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- ✓ EPA intends to make another \$1 billion available in FY23 for the Clean School Bus Programs:
 - ✓ 1st round of competitive grants
 - ✓ 2nd round of the rebate program
- ✓ School districts on the priority list must **get ready to complete the online rebate application** as soon as it opens
- ✓ School districts not included in the priority list must **start building their teams and partnerships** in preparation for the competitive funding announcement

PREPARING FOR 2023 FUNDING

- ✓ Talk to your transportation contractors
- ✓ Talk to your electric utility
- ✓ Partner with other school districts
- ✓ Educate your community about the benefits of Electric buses
- ✓ Explore additional funding opportunities
- ✓ Contact [RENEW](#) and ask for help



Compared to the typical school bus that runs on diesel fuel, electric school buses have the potential to lower operation and maintenance costs for fleets and have zero tailpipe emissions.

THANK YOU!

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