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TO: School District Superintendents
Transportation Directors
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FROM: Trent Carroll, Chief Operations Officer

DATE: September 6, 2022

SUBJECT: DERA Application for School Buses

DERA APPLICATION FOR SCHOOL BUSES

The 2022 Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) application period is open. The Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is providing \$843,660 in grant funding for eligible replacement of diesel school buses. Eligible buses must meet the following criteria:

- School buses with diesel engine model years 2004 through 2007.
- School buses must meet life cycle replacement criteria per WS 21-13-320(g)(i) found in Section 6 of Chapter 20 rules.
- The replacement vehicle shall resemble the replaced vehicle in form and function.
- The new replacement bus must be powered by an Environment Protection Agency (EPA) or California Air Resources Board (CARB) certified, 2021 or newer model year diesel or alternative fueled engine.
- To be eligible for replacement, the bus must be fully operational and in current, regular service.
- The replaced bus must be disabled (scrapped).

The DEQ will provide a 25% reimbursement of the final purchase price from the pertinent fiscal year Wyoming Department of Education Student Transportation Bus Bids.

The DERA program prioritizes applications from districts that intend to replace buses with alternative fuel configurations. Districts must indicate whether they intend to replace buses with propane or CNG configurations.

Districts that would like to participate in the program and have buses meeting the criteria listed above should email a list of buses to Trenton Vonburg with the vehicle identification number (VIN), the district-assigned bus number, engine model year, and current odometer mileage. The list should include the desired configuration and fuel type for each DERA replacement bus.

The DERA application can be found [here](#). A quick tutorial video can be found [here](#).

For questions regarding the DERA program, or assistance with the application, contact Keith Guille, Outreach Program Manager, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality at 307-777-6105 or keith.guille@wyo.gov.

For more information, contact Trenton Vonburg, Wyoming State Pupil Transportation Director, at 307-777-6984 or trenton.vonburg@wyo.gov.