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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 10, 2019

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Kyle L. Guerrant, Deputy Superintendent *KG*

SUBJECT: School Bus Replacement Grants

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is offering up to \$12,961,400 in grants for the replacement of old diesel school buses with new propane, compressed natural gas, diesel, hybrid, or electric school buses. Grants are funded from an environmental settlement with Volkswagen.

Vehicle replacement costs can be partially funded by percentage. For government-owned and privately-owned school buses under contract with a public school district, awards will be:

- Up to 25 percent of the cost of a new diesel school bus.
- Up to 40 percent of the cost of a new alternate fueled school bus.
- Up to 70 percent of the cost of a new all-electric school bus and charging station.

An informational webinar will be held on January 10, 2019, from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Applications for electric school buses are due by February 15, 2019, and all other school bus applications are due by October 15, 2019. To find the Request for Proposals and application materials, or to register for the webinar, visit www.michigan.gov/deqwsettlement or contact the Michigan Environmental Assistance Center at 800-662-9278.

This grant program relates to the Top 10 in 10 Goal #1 to provide every child access to an aligned, high-quality P-20 system from early childhood to post-secondary attainment – through a multi-stakeholder collaboration with business and industry, labor, and higher education – to maximize lifetime learning and success.

For questions regarding this grant program, contact Debra Swartz at the DEQ, at 517-284-6903 or swartzd@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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