

**BOARD BRIEF**

Date: June 7, 2024

BOARD INFORMATION:   X  

MEETING PREPARATION:       

**FROM:** MeChale’ Johnson, Director of Pupil Transportation and Fleet Management

**THROUGH:** Dr. Alicia Hart, PMP, Chief Operating Officer  
Melanie Kay-Wyatt, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

**TO:** The Honorable Michelle Rief, Chair, and  
Members of the Alexandria City School Board

**TOPIC:** Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) Clean School Bus Rebates Program,  
Update

**ACPS 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:**

Goal 3: Student Accessibility and Support

Goal 4: Strategic Resource Allocation

**SY 2023-2024 PRIORITY AREA:**

N/A

**FY 2024 BUDGET PRIORITY:**

Transportation

**SUMMARY:**

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law of 2021 authorized the United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) to offer rebates to assist school districts with replacing existing school buses with clean and zero-emission models. ACPS submitted an application to the EPA to assist with the purchase of two electric school buses to replace two existing diesel buses. ACPS partnered with our current school bus vendor, Sonny Merryman, to submit the application on our behalf. The application was approved by the EPA on May 29, 2024. ACPS was awarded \$400,000 in rebate funds to replace two diesel buses with two electric school buses.

**BACKGROUND:**

In 2022, ACPS was awarded grant funding from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality to assist with the purchase of ten (10) electric school buses to replace ten (10) equivalent diesel buses. ACPS took delivery of the electric school buses from our current vendor, Sonny Merryman, between the months of January and August 2023. ACPS would like to purchase two (2) electric school buses to replace equivalent diesel buses that have reached their end-of-life. To reduce the financial impact of the purchase of these buses, ACPS would like to follow past practices of using government funding to apply for the EPA Clean School Bus Rebates Program.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Superintendent recommends that the School Board review the status of the EPA Clean School Bus Rebates Program.

**IMPACT:**

N/A

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None

**REFERENCES:**

[231130 Memo EPA Clean School Bus Rebates Program v2](#)

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