



SAN FELIPE DEL RIO CISD

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SFDR CISD IS AWARDED OVER \$7.5 MILLION IN FUNDING TO PURCHASE NEW CLEAN BUSES FOR STUDENTS

We are excited to announce that SFDR CISD is a proud winner of a grant from the EPA's Clean School Bus Program! This past Wednesday, the Biden-Harris Administration announced the Fiscal Year 2022 recipients of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Clean School Bus Program rebate competition, awarding nearly \$1 billion from President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to 389 school districts spanning 50 states, Washington, DC, and several Tribes and U.S. territories. SFDR CISD is expected to receive \$7,505,000.

The EPA Clean School Bus Program funding will help school districts purchase over 2,400 clean school buses that will accelerate the transition to zero emission vehicles and produce cleaner air in and around schools and communities. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced nearly \$1 billion from the Clean School Bus program – a rebate competition for school districts that will improve air quality in and around schools and communities, reduce greenhouse gas pollution, and better protect children's health. SFDR CISD was one of thirteen Texas school districts who were prioritized as high-needs school districts with more than 20% of students in poverty, rural school districts, Tribal school districts and districts in underserved and overburdened communities.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law of 2021 authorizes EPA to offer rebates to replace existing school buses with clean and zero-emission (ZE) models to reduce harmful emissions from older, dirtier buses. EPA announced in September this year that it would nearly double the funding awarded for clean school buses this year following high demand from school districts across the United States that applied for the 2022 Clean School Bus (CSB) Rebates. This is the first round of funding from the EPA Clean School Bus Program, which President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law created with a historic \$5 billion investment for low- and zero-emission school buses over the next five years.

Learn more about the grant competition at epa.gov/cleanschoolbus.