



March 15, 2024

New Mexico Environment Department (NMED)
1190 St. Francis Drive, Suite N4050
Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87505

Re: Letter of Support for the Efficient and Clean Operations (ECO) Schools Program
Funding Opportunity Number: EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07

Dear New Mexico Environment Department,

Santa Fe Public Schools (SFPS) stands in support of the Efficient and Clean Operations (ECO) Schools Program. Santa Fe Public Schools expects to participate in the ECO Schools Program, which will expand the school district's capacity to reduce climate and air pollution impacts.

The ECO Schools Program will provide Santa Fe Public Schools the opportunity to apply for funding to increase the district's investment in zero-emission school buses and associated charging infrastructure.

Santa Fe Public Schools' involvement will allow NMED to implement the measure more effectively by collaborating with a school district in New Mexico that has an existing commitment to organizational sustainability through environmental stewardship. ECO Schools Program funding will allow the school district to expand its electric school bus fleet, reducing emissions and improving air quality in Santa Fe.

In conclusion, Santa Fe Public Schools urges NMED to apply for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant opportunity to support this measure and requests the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to award the funds to support it.

Sincerely,

Hilario "Larry" Chavez, Superintendent of Schools, Santa Fe Public Schools

Signed: 
Hilario Chavez (Mar 15, 2024 12:51 MDT)

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