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Good afternoon,

Thank you for attending Senator Markey's webinar on "***Unlocking Clean Energy Opportunities for Schools***" earlier this afternoon. We hope you found the presentation helpful!

Please find linked here the slides from the presentation and a link to the recording can be found here: https://markeysenate.box.com/s/9x0nb7d3pslsxu0a2r2ohi508snvmu9b

Huge thanks to our wonderful panelists today for sharing their knowledge, wisdom, and offers to help others interested in bringing clean energy to their schools! If you would like to get in touch, they can be reached at:

> **Sara Ross**, Co-Founder of UndauntedK12: sara@undauntedk12.org
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> **Natalia Akopian**, Policy & Government Affairs Associate, World Resources Institute: Natalia.Akopian@wri.org
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> **Humera Fasihuddin**, d.school at Stanford University, Founder and Co-Director of Stanford University Innovation Fellows, and Hadley School Board Member: humera@dschool.stanford.edu

Some additional **helpful information that was referenced during the presentation can be found below**, along with some resources that may help answer questions that we didn't have time to get to today. We've also included some **competitive Federal grant opportunities** that were recently announced.

- **Qualified Commercial Clean Vehicle Tax Credit (45W**) 1-pager: https://electricschoolbusinitiative.org/sites/default/files/2022-11/Inflation%20Reduction%20Act%20of%202022%20Tax%20Credit%20for%20Qualified%20Commercial%20Clean%20Vehicles%20%28section%2045W%29%20An%20Explainer%20v3.pdf
- **DOE's Argonne tool for 30C Eligibility**: https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/3f67d5e82dc64d1589714d5499196d4f/
- **All About the Clean School Bus Program**: https://electricschoolbusinitiative.org/all-about-clean-school-bus-program

- **WRI's Electric School Bus Initiative Free 1:1 Office Hours**: https://electricschoolbusinitiative.org/talk-expert

- **All About Operating Electric School Buses in Cold Weather**: https://electricschoolbusinitiative.org/all-about-operating-electric-school-buses-cold-weather
- **Utility Engagement**: https://electricschoolbusinitiative.org/utility-activities-support-equitable-school-bus-electrification
- **Toolkits for Community Members Looking to Engage in the ESB Movement**: https://electricschoolbusinitiative.org/engage

- The Department of Energy recently opened applications for the **2024 Renew American's Schools Prize**, which will award $180 million to districts across the country engaging in strategic partnerships to build capacity and implement energy upgrades at K-12 schools, lowering energy use and costs, improving indoor air quality, and fostering heathier learning environments.
- **Mental Health Service Professional Demonstration Grant Program**: The MHSP Program will award competitive grants to support and demonstrate innovative partnerships to train school-based mental health services providers to increase the number and diversity of high-quality, trained providers available to address the shortages of mental health services professionals in schools served by high-need LEAs.
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- **School-Based Mental Health Services Grant Program**: The SBMH grant program will award competitive grants to SEAs, LEAs, and consortia of LEAs to increase the number of credentialed mental health services providers providing school-based mental health services to students in LEAs with demonstrated need.
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If you would like to continue engaging with Senator Markey's office, please also consider attending our **upcoming Clean Energy and Climate Implementation Office Hours**:

- Thursday, April 18 from 1-2pm ET. Zoom link to register HERE.
- Tuesday, May 16 from 10-11am ET. Zoom link to register HERE.
- Tuesday, June 11 from 10-11am ET. Zoom link to register HERE.
- Tuesday, July 9 from 1-2pm ET. Zoom link to register HERE.

Thank you!

Best,
Katie

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Subject: TOMORROW: Sen. Markey's "Unlocking Clean Energy Opportunities for Schools" Webinar

Good afternoon,

We hope to see you at Senator Markey's webinar on "***Unlocking Clean Energy Opportunities for Schools***" **tomorrow, Wednesday, April 10th at 3:15 – 4:15pm ET.**

Senator Markey will deliver opening remarks ahead of a presentation from UndauntedK12 and the World Resources Institute's Electric School Bus Initiative on certain funding opportunities from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act that schools leaders can use to purchase clean school buses, deploy clean energy, and improve energy efficiency. Following the presentations, a Massachusetts school district leader will talk about her district's experience in navigating these opportunities. After the presentation, there will be a moderated Q&A.

Register and submit questions for the Q&A here: https://senate.webex.com/weblink/register/r5d05ed734fab6438bce3e67bd05fbd0d

School Superintendents, School Committee members, and other school leaders are encouraged to attend this session about a decade-long opportunity to access non-competitive, unlimited federal resources for healthy, cost-effective, resilient school facilities. Additional information below.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Sade_Nabahe@markey.senate.gov or Katherine_Morfill@markey.senate.gov.

Thank you!
Katie

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Subject: Sen. Markey's "Unlocking Clean Energy Opportunities for Schools" Webinar

Good afternoon,

On behalf of Senator Markey, we are pleased to invite you to a webinar with Senator Markey on "***Unlocking Clean Energy Opportunities for Schools***" on **Wednesday, April 10th at 3:15-4:15pm ET.**

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Thank you!
Katie

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School districts that do not file federal taxes are eligible for some fully refundable credits under the Inflation Reduction Act—your school district may be eligible to receive federal funds for green infrastructure (things like installing heat pumps or buying electric vehicles) this fiscal year. Schools may also be eligible to access other grants and credits through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). We are committed to ensuring MA schools can access this funding, so please don't hesitate to reach out if we can be a resource for you! The best points of contacts for follow up questions are Sade_Nabahe@markey.senate.gov or Katherine_Morfill@markey.senate.gov.

- Our office is hosting a webinar for school districts interested in these federal funds on **Wednesday, April 10th from 3:15pm –**

4:15pm. https://senate.webex.com/weblink/register/r5d05ed734fab6438bce3e67bd05fbd0d

- In addition to the webinar, our team hosts **office hours on IRA implementation**. We have upcoming sessions:
  - Thursday, April 18 from 1-2pm ET. Zoom link to register HERE.
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- We have created guides that compile information on the tax credits and grants available related to the Green New Deal, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and Inflation Reduction Act.
- Our office hosted a presentation on **direct elective pay** (the provision that allows schools and other tax-exempt entities to receive refundable tax credits) with the Department of Treasury. The slide deck from the presentation is attached here. Some key points from the presentation:
  - With elective pay, tax-exempt and governmental entities that do not owe Federal income taxes are, for the first time, able to receive a **payment equal to the full value of tax credits for building qualifying clean energy projects or making qualifying investments.**
  - Unlike competitive grant and loan programs, in which applicants may not receive an award, elective pay allows entities to get their payment if they meet the requirements for both elective pay and the underlying tax credit.
  - Applicable entities can use elective pay for **12 clean energy tax credits**.
  - For your convenience, the resources listed on the final slide are available here:
    - More information on Direct Pay
      - IRS.gov/ElectivePay
        - Pre-filing Registration User Guide; How-to-Video
        - Permission Management User Guide
        - FAQs
      - CleanEnergy.gov/DirectPay
      - Treasury.gov/IRA
      - Subscribe to IRS e-News Subscriptions by visiting IRS.gov/newsroom/e-news-subscriptions
    - More information on the IRA
      - IRS.gov/CleanEnergy
      - www.whitehouse.gov/cleanenergy/inflation-reduction-act-guidebook/
- Some non-profit organizations are compiling resources **for schools looking to take advantage of IRA funding**. These may be good groups to consider working with:
  - The World Resources Institute's Electric School Bus Initiative has free resources and offers free technical assistance to school districts adding electric school buses to their fleets. They have worked with Boston Public Schools and told our office that they would be happy to work with other school districts around the state.

    - Undaunted K12 has resources and fact sheets on federal funding available to schools through the IRA and IIJA. They have provided presentations and technical assistance to school districts in the past and have expressed interest in working with more MA school communities.
- While we have you, a few **competitive federal grants were recently announced** and we wanted to make sure you saw them:
    - The Department of Energy recently opened applications for the **2024 Renew America's Schools Prize**, which will award $180 million to districts across the country engaging in strategic partnerships to build capacity and implement energy upgrades at K-12 schools, lowering energy use and costs, improving indoor air quality, and fostering healthier learning environments.
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            - Tuesday, April 16, 2024, 2:00 PM- 3:00 PM

We know this is a lot of information, so please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions!

Thank you,

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