



# Clayton County Public Schools

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### **CCPS Receives \$20 Million to Purchase 50 Electric Buses**

*The second such grant brings the total to 75 that can be purchased by the district*

**JONESBORO** - Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is excited to announce that the district's application for funding assistance under the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 4 portion of the 2023 Clean School Bus grant program has been selected for full funding. The *Clayton County Public Schools Quality Air Project* will receive \$20,355,000 to purchase 50 electric school buses and to construct/expand infrastructure to support the vehicles.

School district officials announced the receipt of this award as part of its ongoing commitment to protecting children and improving air quality. The district's grant is one of 67 successful applicants to receive nearly \$1 billion through the EPA's first Clean School Bus Program Grants Competition, which is made possible through President Joe Biden's Investing in America agenda.

The announcement is not an authorization to begin work or incur costs for this project. The award will not be official and final until a notice of award approval is formally issued by the EPA Award Official and affirmed by CCPS.

This is the second such award received by Clayton County Public Schools. In November 2022, EPA announced that CCPS would receive nearly \$10 million to purchase 25 electric school buses and 25 charging units to support the new vehicles.

"For years, Clayton County Public Schools has prioritized student health in relation to air pollution and bus emissions by designating schools as idle-free zones," said Dr. Anthony W. Smith, CCPS Superintendent/CEO of Schools. "We are being responsible by doing our part to lower emissions that are accelerating climate change. It is just one more way that this district is Building a Better Tomorrow, Today!"

"We are excited to receive full funding for our grant application," said Ms. Denise Hall, CCPS Executive Director of Transportation. "We are looking to submit another grant to the EPA that would allow us to purchase 25 additional electric school buses."

**-An official document from the Clayton County Public School System-**

About Clayton County Public Schools: Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited by Cognia. The district offers a focused world-class program based on a challenging curriculum which is taught from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Serving over 50,000 students, Clayton County Public Schools is ranked among the 100 largest school districts in the U.S. and is the sixth-largest school system in Georgia.

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