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**DEQ Announces Reimbursement Extension  
for Arkansas School Districts for School Bus Replacements**

**NORTH LITTLE ROCK**—The Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment’s Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is announcing an extension deadline for submittal of required reimbursement documentation under agreements to award funds to Arkansas school districts to replace or repower older diesel school buses through the Go RED! (Reduce Emissions from Diesels) Program. The purpose of the extension is to ensure flexibility for school districts impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The deadline for submittal of required documentation for reimbursement requests has been extended to December 31, 2020.

Funding from this program reimburses agencies, businesses, cities, counties, and schools a percentage of expenses for projects that reduce or eliminate diesel emissions on medium and heavy-duty vehicles. For the program year that started on December 1, 2019, DEQ entered into agreements to award \$406,829 in grant funds to school districts across the state. These districts include the following:

- Clinton School District—\$45,000 for the Proposed Replacement of Two School Buses
- Fort Smith School District—\$75,000 for the Proposed Replacement of Three School Bus
- Hackett School District—\$44,144.50 for the Proposed Replacement of Two School Buses
- Heber Springs School District—\$25,198.75 for the Proposed Replacement of One School Bus
- Ozark School District—\$45,626 for the Proposed Replacement of Two School Buses
- Ozark Mountain School District—\$25,000 for the Proposed Replacement of One School Bus
- Viola School District—\$22,500 for the Proposed Replacement of One School Bus
- Wonderview School District—\$47,000 for the Proposed Replacement of Two School Buses
- Yellville-Summit School District—\$49,097.50 for the Proposed Replacement of Two School Buses

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