



## **Ohio's Clean Diesel School Bus Fund New Grants Awarded, November 2015**

*For the fall 2015 grant cycle, Ohio EPA awarded three new grants to school districts for a total of \$179,707.25. These grants will install pollution control equipment onto 28 diesel school buses.. Ohio EPA estimates that these projects will reduce air pollution emissions by nearly half a ton each year: 112 pounds of particulates, 710 pounds of carbon monoxide, and 154 pounds of hydrocarbons. These benefits will compound every year that the buses remain in service.*

*School bus retrofit grants are designed to protect schoolchildren and school bus drivers from the harmful pollutants in diesel exhaust. Projects are supported with funding from civil penalties collected by Ohio EPA for violations of Ohio's environmental protection laws, and a federal grant awarded to Ohio EPA from USEPA under the Diesel Emission Reduction Act. Since this grant program began in 2006, Ohio EPA has awarded more than \$8.4 million to install pollution control equipment on 2,650 school buses statewide, install idle reduction equipment onto 1,018 buses, and remove more than 204 tons of pollutants from the air. The next grant application deadline will be March 1, 2016.*

New grant recipients this cycle include:

**Columbus City Schools**, Franklin County, \$151,082 to install diesel particulate filters on ten buses. #B2016F-001. Contact Jeff Vrable, Sr., (614) 365-5263 or [jvrabelsr@columbus.k12.oh.us](mailto:jvrabelsr@columbus.k12.oh.us)

**James A. Garfield Local Schools**, Portage County, \$14,381 to diesel oxidation catalysts on nine buses. # B2016F-004. Contact: Brenda Byich, (330) 527-4250 or [BByich@jagschools.org](mailto:BByich@jagschools.org)

**Streetsboro City Schools**, Portage County, \$14,244 to install diesel oxidation catalysts on nine buses. \$B2016F-002. Contact: Beth Kinder, (330) 626-4909 or [beth@rockets.sparcc.org](mailto:beth@rockets.sparcc.org)

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