

Memo

To: Harlem Board of Education

From: Joshua Aurand, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations
Don West, Director of Transportation

Date: October 15, 2024

Re: Electric Bus Funding Opportunity

In May 2024, the District received approval from the EPA for up to \$800,000 for 4 electric school buses. Since then we have been working on the feasibility of adding electric buses to our fleet. The District will need to approve a bid for new buses by November 29th to receive the rebate money from the EPA. There are opportunities for additional funding from the IRS and ComEd. The IRS funding would be up to \$80,000 total. ComEd funding would be up to \$180,000 per bus up to a total of \$300,000.

We have been in contact with a couple of electric charging manufacturers. We have had a site survey done at the old welding/auto shop building. The building is capable of housing two buses and the charging stations fairly easily. There is a wide range of pricing on charging stations. There are basic AC chargers from \$3,700 each bus to \$52,250 for DC quick charging stations.

We are requesting to go out to bid for 2 electric buses with a recommendation at the November board meeting.

