# Washington State

# Department of Ecology

# Clean School Bus Replacement Preliminary Application

These criteria explain the funding availability to assist with purchasing and replacing older diesel school buses with new diesel or alternate-fueled school buses.

The Department of Ecology will provide up to $12 million to Washington school districts, statewide, to scrap and replace older diesel school buses.

Ecology anticipates awarding $35,000 for each pre-2001 school bus scrapped and replaced. (Pre-2001 applies to buses manufactured prior to calendar year 2001, as identified in the OSPI school bus data base.) Ecology will make their selection from the pre applications, and the oldest buses will be our highest priority.

***Prior to filling out the Preliminary Application form, please make sure that the following conditions are true or will be met:***

1. The old school bus being replaced is diesel powered and is a 2001 or older.
2. The new replacement bus must be a new bus.
3. The school bus being replaced is “primary” use (not emergency or backup).
4. The school bus being replaced has a current School Bus Operating Permit.
5. There is a solid financial plan to pay for the new school bus being purchased under this grant program.
6. The school district understands that they must first pay for the new bus, and will be reimbursed for $35,000 upon Ecology’s receipt of a completed reimbursement request.
7. The school district has not already purchased a bus that will be reimbursed under this grant opportunity.
8. The school district must wait until all grant agreements are in place prior to ordering the new replacement bus.