

U.S. Rep. Kind: Announces \$160,000 in DERA funding for WI-03

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Washington, DC – Today, **Rep. Ron Kind** announced that the School District of Alma, School District of Westfield, Student Transit – Eau Claire, Inc., and Norwalk Ontario Wilton School District have been selected as awardees for the EPA’s 2021 Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) School Bus Rebates totaling \$160,000. This program provides rebates to reduce harmful emissions from older diesel vehicles.

“Congratulations to the School District of Alma, School District of Westfield, Student Transit – Eau Claire, Inc., and Norwalk Ontario Wilton School District on receiving 2021 DERA School Bus Rebate awards,” said **Rep. Ron Kind**. “It’s great to see \$160,000 going to Wisconsin’s Third Congressional District to help ensure cleaner air and provide kids with a safe and reliable way to get to school.”

School buses travel over four billion miles each year, and provide transportation to and from school for more than 25 million American children every day. However, diesel exhaust from these buses has a negative impact on human health, especially for children, who have a faster breathing rate than adults and whose lungs are not yet fully developed.

The 2021 DERA School Bus Rebates will offer funds to public and private fleet owners for the replacement of aging diesel school buses with new buses certified to EPA’s cleanest emission standards. The awardees in Wisconsin’s Third Congressional District are:

- Student Transit – Eau Claire, Inc. – \$60,000
- School District of Alma – \$20,000
- School District of Westfield – \$60,000
- Norwalk Ontario Wilton School District – \$20,000