



THE LION ELECTRIC CO. TO DELIVER MICHIGAN'S FIRST 11 ELECTRIC SCHOOL BUSES AS PART OF THE VOLKSWAGEN MITIGATION SETTLEMENT

Lansing, September 12th, 2019 - The Lion Electric Co. USA (*Lion*) is proud to announce that 11 of our electric school buses will be part of the **Michigan Association for Pupil Transportation Electric School Bus Pilot Project**. This marks the first school buses supported with Volkswagen settlement funds allocated to Michigan **and administered by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy**. Zeeland Public Schools, Oxford Community Schools, Kalamazoo Public Schools, Gaylord Community Schools and Three Rivers Community Schools **are the Michigan districts** that will purchase all-electric LionC' school buses. These zero-emission school buses will be on Michigan roads as soon as Fall 2019.

About the 2019 MAPT Electric School Bus Pilot Project Bid

The goal of the Program is to reduce GHG emissions and improve air quality inside school buses, where the buses idle, and along roadways where the buses travel. This program specifically focuses on children who are particularly vulnerable to the harmful effects of diesel emissions and who live in regions designated as air quality priority areas.

"Since taking office, I've been deliberate in combating climate change, protecting public health here in Michigan, and advancing our state's technology and the transportation landscape in a way that also improves lives," said Gov. Gretchen Whitmer. "Programs like these that replace diesel-powered school buses with electric models allow for students to learn about advancing technology and see what a real impact they can have when it comes to climate change. These advancements put Michigan on track towards longer environmental sustainability and reinforce Michigan's continued leadership when it comes to next generation transportation."

David Meeuwsen, Transportation Director at Zeeland Public Schools and Executive Director of the Michigan Association for Pupil Transportation, states, "Welcome to the 21st Century Pupil Transportation. We are excited to be one of the first districts in the State of Michigan to use Lion's zero-emission vehicles (ZEV) for our students. Zeeland is ensuring that our transportation fleet is as green as possible mirroring standards set in our new school buildings to be the best for our students and community. This Pilot project will have the chance to demonstrate all the positive outcomes that ZEV have to offer our communities, like Cleaner air, S.T.E.M. classrooms, vehicle-to-building, vehicle-to-grid, Less maintenance cost, and a quieter bus."

Lion's Vice President of Sales, Nate Baguio, also said that "Lion is thankful for the opportunity to deliver healthy breathing environment with zero-emission school buses to the State of Michigan. It has been a pleasure working with Michigan school districts, and the Lion Team is excited to work with other school districts as they deploy all-electric, heavy-duty vehicles in Michigan."

Nadine Girault, Minister of International Relations and La Francophonie mentioned "We are quite proud to see that Quebec businesses are making a genuine contribution in helping our American partners, particularly Michigan, reduce their GHG emissions. This state has firmly committed to electrification of transportation. I would like to acknowledge the contribution of the Quebec Government Office in Chicago, which is working actively to develop the smart and electric vehicle market in Chicago and to help our innovative businesses grow in the US market."

Zeeland Public Schools, Oxford Community Schools, Kalamazoo Public Schools, Gaylord Community Schools and Three Rivers Community Schools will receive 125-mile range buses with a capacity of 71 passengers. The buses will also be vehicle-to-grid enabled. This means that the previously stated districts will be able to return unused energy from the on-board batteries to the grid during peak periods of energy use. This functionality is intended to allow bi-directional flow of electric power that can power school sites as well as emergency shelters.

For additional details on Lion's zero-emission vehicles, information on grants, and vehicle pricing, please contact Richard Lee at Richard.Lee@thelionelectric.com.

About The Lion Electric Co.

The Lion Electric Co. is an innovative manufacturer of emission free vehicles. We create, design, and manufacture all-electric school buses, minibuses for paratransit, shuttle buses, and urban trucks. Lion is known for standing out as the North American electric OEM leader. We design, build, and assemble all our vehicles' components: chassis, battery packs, and cabins.

Always actively seeking new technologies, Lion vehicles have unique features that are specifically adapted to its users and their everyday needs. We believe that transitioning to all-electric vehicles will lead to major improvements in our society, environment, and overall quality of life.

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