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GLACC TO SHOW HOW \$725,000 EPA GRANT FOR CLEAN AIR WILL IMPROVE LOCAL SCHOOL BUSES

October 13 – Grand Ledge MI – GLACC supporters, school administrators, students, district legislators, local officials, and the media will have an opportunity to learn how a \$725,000 grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will help school children benefit from cleaner air at a reception and press event held by the Greater Lansing Area Clean Cities (GLACC) at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, October 27 in Grand Ledge. GLACC received the grant for a mid-Michigan clean school bus project and will exhibit how the undertaking serves to improve public health, particularly in school children, and assists schools and institutions in updating their diesel vehicle fleets. The award was made through the EPA's National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program.

The GLACC-led project will reduce harmful emissions by installing advanced exhaust control equipment on school buses and Michigan State University vehicles. Equipment upgrades will benefit several local school districts, Michigan State University, and Dean Transportation. The initiative will also provide aging fleets with new, low-emission buses selectively. Updates and replacements will work to reduce premature deaths, incidents of asthma and other respiratory ailments, lost workdays, and other problems impacted by poor air quality. Equipment vendors will be on hand to display the emission reduction equipment.

“We are grateful to the U.S. EPA for this award, and excited to work with project partners across Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties,” said GLACC Executive Director, Maggie Striz Calnin.

“This project boosts our efforts to advance clean transportation solutions and we’re proud to attract federal funds for transportation projects in mid-Michigan.”

GLACC is a coalition working to achieve cleaner air and energy security in mid-Michigan through alternative fuel and vehicle usage, fuel economy, and emissions reduction practices. Stakeholders include public and private fleets, nonprofit organizations, utilities, local governments, and individuals. The reception and press event will be held in the offices of Kuntzsch Business Services at 300 N. Bridge Street in Grand Ledge. For more information or to RSVP for the event, go www.michigancleancities.org, connect on Facebook or call (517) 925-8649.

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