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Dear Hastings:

On behalf of the Directors of Transportation of the school districts represented by the Florida Association for Pupil Transportation, we are asking consideration of extending the current December 18th deadline for Application Worksheet for the Electric School Bus Project until January 29, 2021. With the short turn around and intervening holiday period, districts are concerned that they will not be able to complete the cost analysis needed along with obtaining administrative support to move forward. School districts are very interested in any grant opportunities provided for school buses, especially when able to combine such a positive impact on the environment.

In preparation for their business case development, we have formulated a list of questions that went to bus vendors on November 20, 2020 in order to gain much needed information on the cost impact to districts beyond the initial cost of the bus. The FAPT is also completing a worksheet that can be given to the school district power providers to ensure they will have the ability to charge the buses in the manner needed with any additional capital costs that will not be covered by the grant.

We feel that the December deadline would result in very few responses (if any) and we do not want the message to be interpreted that we are not interested in this opportunity. The Florida Association of Pupil Transportation is appreciative of your consideration of this request and will notify the districts of your decision as soon as we receive it from your office.

Thank you,

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