

U.S. House of Representatives
Rep. Sharice Davids
Kansas Third District

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Dr. Anna Stubblefield
Superintendent, Kansas City Kansas Public Schools
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Dear Dr. Stubblefield,

Thank you for your service to our community. I wanted to make you aware of a crucial federal funding opportunity that may help your school district. Last year, I voted with many of my House and Senate colleagues to pass the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act* (IIJA), also known as the bipartisan infrastructure law, which was signed into law by the President in November 2021. This legislation is strong investment in our nation's infrastructure, transportation sectors, and climate change response.

One of the new programs created by Congress in the IIJA is the Department of Energy's (DOE) Renew America's Schools grant program. This first-of-its-kind program will award grants to make clean energy improvements at schools in need. Eligible uses of funds include energy efficiency, ventilation, renewable energy, alternative fuel vehicles, and alternative fuel vehicle charging infrastructure projects, and grants require a minimum five percent cost share. The DOE is now accepting applications for the Renew America's Schools program. Concept papers are due by January 26, 2023, and full applications are due by April 21, 2023.

The DOE has also launched the Energy Champions Leading the Advancement of Sustainable Schools (CLASS) Prize. This program will provide a \$100,000 award for up to 25 local education agencies to train school personnel as energy managers. Applications for the Energy CLASS Prize are open now through February 28, 2023.

I encourage you to consider applying to both funding opportunities. Please visit the DOE's program landing page (energy.gov/clean-energy-infrastructure/grants-energy-improvements-public-school-facilities) for more information on eligibility and to access the application portals. Should you have any questions about the federal funding process or if you would like a letter of support from my office, please contact Eric Dunay (eric.dunay@mail.house.gov) or Patrick Hampton (patrick.hampton@mail.house.gov) for assistance.

Sincerely,



Representative Sharice L. Davids
Member of Congress