

# ELECTRIFYING MICHIGAN'S SCHOOL BUSES

In 2022, the EPA awarded 25 school districts in Michigan \$54 million to fund 138 electric school buses.<sup>1</sup> Although this federal funding opportunity was an important step to providing cleaner transportation for children in Michigan, **funding the \$150 million state budget proposal will ensure more districts have access to resources to electrify their school bus fleets.**

## Prioritizing Equity

The **program boilerplate requires that the department utilize federal Justice40** parameters, directing 40% of benefits from the investment towards disadvantaged communities<sup>2</sup>. Prioritizing the full funding of Michigan's Clean School Bus Program will bring benefits like reduced emissions, improved health and learning, and cost savings to Michigan's most vulnerable communities.

## Rural Communities

Of the 58 School districts that did not receive funding from the EPA, **20 were from rural districts.**

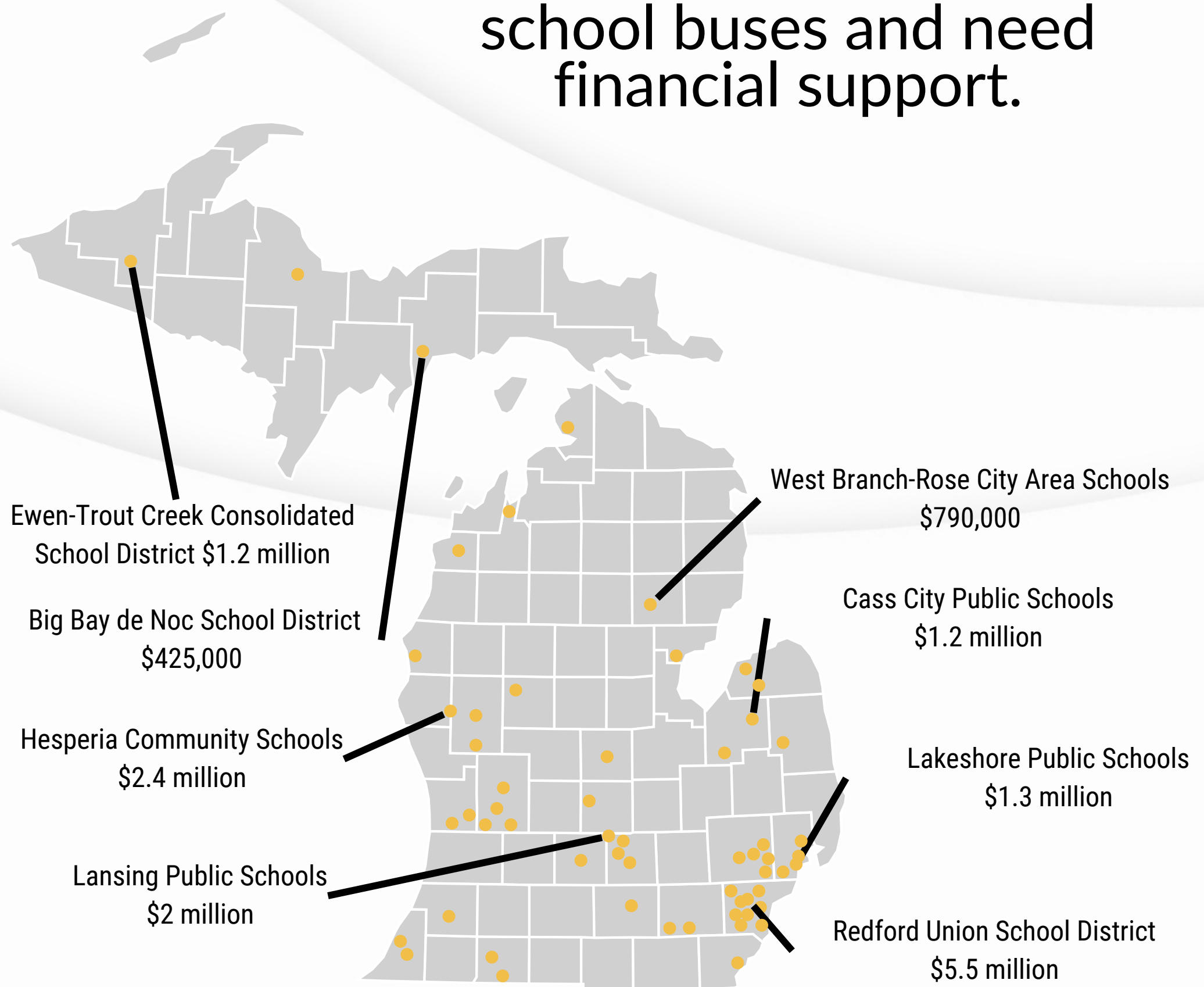
Together, these school districts requested **\$18 million to fund clean school buses.**

## Low-Income Communities

Of the 58 school districts that did not receive funding from the EPA, **33 of them are classified as Mid-High or High poverty school districts** by the Department of Education.<sup>3</sup>

Together, these districts requested more than **\$50 million to fund clean school buses.**

At least 41 rural and low-income Michigan school districts are interested in clean school buses and need financial support.



Each dot represents a school district that applied for EPA Clean School Bus Program Round 1

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