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Dear School Administrator:

The Missouri Department of Conservation is proud to offer your school district the opportunity to submit a grant proposal for a Fuels for Schools project. The enclosed grant application should be filled out completely and returned to the address provided. **Applications must be postmarked by August 1, 2020.** An electronic version of the grant application is available upon request.

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) is offering one "Fuels for Schools" grant up to **\$704,000**. A minimum **20% (twenty percent)** match is required with this grant, and certain criteria must be met and maintained by the school to be awarded this grant. Additional funds may be available through the Department of Economic Development's Division of Energy's Energy Loan Program (see *Description of Application and Selection Process* for more details).

The Fuels for Schools project is a "turn-key" wood boiler system. The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) is working with the South Central Ozark Council of Governments (SCOCOG) to implement this project. A project coordinator working through the South Central Ozark Council of Governments will help guide the selected school through the entire project from hiring a design firm to securing wood chips or wood for fuel.

The goal of this grant is to establish one new Fuels for Schools project within the state of Missouri in a public school district that is need of a more efficient heating system. In addition, it is a goal to develop a new market for small diameter trees thinned from forest stands. Not only will this provide biomass for the Fuels for Schools projects, but will reduce fuel (fire hazards) while enhancing/restoring healthy natural forest communities.

Remember, applications must be postmarked by **August 1, 2020**. If you have any questions you can contact Mike Morris at (573) 522-4115 extension 3117.

Sincerely,

Justine Gartner
State Forester

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