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## **Holcomb Bus Service Launches New Camden Bus Yard and New Jersey's Largest Electric School Bus Fleet**

**CAMDEN, NJ** — Holcomb Bus Service, in partnership with the Camden County Air Quality Committee and the New Jersey Clean Cities Coalition, celebrated the grand opening of its new Camden Bus Yard and Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station at 1900 Federal Street.

The event marked a major milestone in New Jersey's clean transportation journey as Holcomb unveiled the state's largest electric school bus fleet—eight zero-emission buses now serving Camden's students and community.

### **Celebrating Community and Commitment**

Holcomb leadership, employees, local officials, and community partners joined the celebration, with guests arriving aboard one of the new quiet, clean electric buses. The new Camden yard features fast chargers capable of fully powering a bus in just a few hours—dramatically improving efficiency and operations.

“Our roots are here in Camden,” said AJ Holcomb, President of Holcomb Bus. “This new facility and our electric fleet show what's possible when a family business invests in its community—cleaner air, good jobs, and a future we can all be proud of.”

Holcomb Bus Service has been part of Camden's story for decades—growing from a single repaired bus seat into one of the city's most trusted local employers.

“When our mother, Lyn Holcomb, started this company, her goal was simple—get kids to school safely and treat people like family,” said George Holcomb, Jr., Vice President of Holcomb Bus. “That same mission drives us today. Going electric lets us protect the next generation's health while keeping that promise of safety and reliability.”

The electric fleet launch represents both a technological leap and a continuation of Holcomb's long-standing commitment to the community, blending modern sustainability with decades of trusted service.

### **Community Impact and Recognition**

Each electric bus eliminates harmful tailpipe emissions that contribute to asthma and other respiratory illnesses. Drivers and students now enjoy cleaner, quieter rides without diesel exhaust.

"The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) applauds early adopters of electric school buses, like Holcomb, for leveraging federal and state incentives to acquire eight buses," stated Melissa Evanego, Assistant Director of Air Monitoring and Mobile Sources at DEP. "Their leadership and commitment to transitioning to zero-emission transportation are helping provide cleaner air for children and drivers on these buses, while also improving air quality in the communities they serve."

"The arrival of these electric school buses marks a major milestone for sustainability and environmental health in Camden," said Camden County Commissioner Jeffrey Nash. "They will play an essential role in reducing emissions and improving air quality for everyone who lives, works, and learns in this city."

At the ribbon cutting, Camden Mayor Victor Carstarphen presented Holcomb Bus Service with a City of Camden Proclamation recognizing the company's leadership and its investment in a healthier, more sustainable future for Camden families.

"These electric buses are a positive step forward for improving air quality in Camden," said Sangeeta Doshi, Cherry Hill Councilwoman. "By reducing emissions, we're helping to create a healthier environment for our residents—especially children and the elderly—while supporting local jobs and economic growth."

Assemblyman Bill Moen praised the milestone, noting that Holcomb's investment complements the state's broader efforts to expand zero-emission transit. "When you combine this with NJ Transit's electric bus pilot here in Camden, the city is truly leading the way in embracing EV technology and showing the benefits—reduced emissions, less noise, and safer communities."

### **Collaboration for a Cleaner Future**

The success of this project reflects the power of collaboration, with a broad coalition of organizations and stakeholders contributing expertise in planning, infrastructure, operations, and outreach. Together, they have shown what's possible when people unite around a shared goal of cleaner, healthier transportation.

“PSE&G is proud to support Holcomb Bus Service and the new Camden Bus Yard as they launch their electric school bus fleet,” said John Latka, senior vice president – Electric Transmission & Distribution at PSE&G. “We’re constantly working to ensure the grid is strong, reliable, and able to serve our customers and communities for the future.”

Holcomb’s electric school bus fleet is a milestone for Camden and New Jersey’s clean transportation future. “This project shows the power of collaboration and sets the stage for a cleaner, healthier state,” said Caroline McCallum, Director of the New Jersey Clean Cities Coalition.