

# Press Release

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**New Jersey Clean Cities partners with Camden County Air Quality Committee and Social Responsibility Through Me to host the Electric School Bus Academy. Community leaders and clean energy advocates explore the future of zero-emission school transportation**

**Camden, NJ** — On Tuesday, June 24, the New Jersey Clean Cities Coalition (NJCCC), in partnership with Camden County, the Camden County Air Quality Committee, and Social Responsibility Through Me, hosted the Electric School Bus Academy at the Camden County Boathouse. The program was developed as part of a nationwide effort to educate relevant stakeholders in order to accelerate electric school bus adoption. The event brought together local officials, school leaders, advocates, and clean energy experts to discuss the benefits and challenges of transitioning to zero-emission school buses and the steps needed to make that future a reality.

“School buses, like so many other common forms of transportation, rely heavily on fossil fuels and contribute to unhealthy air quality, which our region particularly struggles with,” said Camden County Commissioner Jeffrey Nash. “During this event, community leaders, activists, educators, and elected officials came together to discuss taking the next step in our sustainability journey. Electrifying the school bus fleets here in Camden County would have the potential to positively impact our air quality and environment, so we are excited to learn more about this important venture.”

Launched earlier this year, the Camden County Air Quality Committee is working to identify opportunities to improve air quality and reduce pollution. The Committee advises county and municipal governments, school districts and large businesses on fleet, waste and HVAC strategies aimed at improving health outcomes.

The Academy featured expert presentations on a range of topics, including available funding resources, workforce development, vehicle and infrastructure readiness, and the human health impact of diesel emissions. The event also emphasized the importance of community collaboration and state-level support for school districts navigating this transition.

“The Electric School Bus Academy event was a valuable opportunity for school districts, local officials, clean energy advocates, and PSE&G to connect and work towards transportation electrification,” said Dawn Neville, manager, Electric Transportation at PSE&G. “We’re proud to support communities advancing electrification, and through our pending Medium-and Heavy-Duty (MHD) Program proposal, we look forward to expanding

EV charging infrastructure and clean transportation options for school districts looking to electrify their bus fleets—helping to meet New Jersey’s clean energy goals while addressing the state’s largest source of emissions, particularly in overburdened and densely populated communities.”

New Jersey’s commitment to clean transportation is supported by multiple state agencies, including the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA), the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), and the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU). Programs such as NJEDA’s NJ ZIP and NJ ZEV incentives, along with complementary funding from NJDEP and NJBPU, are helping to accelerate the deployment of medium- and heavy-duty zero-emission vehicles across the state. When stacked together with utility incentives, these programs make electric school bus projects significantly more attractive and achievable for fleets.

“It’s oddly fitting that at the beginning of summer, we’re going back to school for the Electric School Bus Academy,” said Doug O’Malley, Director of Environment New Jersey. “There has been so much progress on the transition to electric school buses, but we’re still in the learning phase for many school districts. The promise of electric school buses has never been more clear — to make sure that this is the last generation of New Jersey school children that goes to school breathing in diesel fumes. This Academy will help bring that future one step closer.”

“The Electric School Bus Academy is a step in helping school districts make the connections they need to move their projects forward. Deploying electric school buses isn’t something districts have to navigate alone — we’re building a network of support to help ensure these efforts lead to lasting benefits for students, families, and the broader community,” said Caroline McCallum, Co-Director of the New Jersey Clean Cities Coalition.

The NJCCC appreciates the generous support of co-sponsors Camden County, MOD Energy Solutions and Proton Group, who are committed to advancing sustainable transportation solutions across New Jersey. Additional support was provided through the World Resource Institute’s (WRI) Electric School Bus Initiative, which is helping communities across the country accelerate the adoption of zero-emission school buses through technical assistance, partnerships, and education.

The Electric School Bus Academy is part of NJCCC’s ongoing work to help communities, school districts, and fleets transition to cleaner, more sustainable transportation. Electrifying school buses presents a key opportunity to cut emissions and improve air quality, especially for the children and neighborhoods most affected by diesel pollution.

**ABOUT THE NEW JERSEY CLEAN CITIES COALITION (NJCCC):** The Coalition is one of 75 locally-based coalitions across the country affiliated with the U.S. Department of Energy's Clean Cities & Communities partnership. As an independent 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, the NJCCC is dedicated to the advancement of alternative fuels and advanced vehicle technologies in order to increase energy security, enhance economic development and improve regional air quality. The coalition works to advance and support local decisions related to energy efficiency and resiliency in the transportation sector—providing education and outreach, as well as grant and project development & management services. Its portfolio includes vehicles and associated infrastructure involving clean and renewable battery electric, liquid and gaseous fuels, as well as idle reduction, trip elimination and other energy efficiency measures.

**ABOUT MOD ENERGY SOLUTIONS:** MOD Energy Solutions is a clean energy strategy company delivering practical, scalable solutions to today's most pressing infrastructure challenges. We work with cities, school districts, ports, fleets, and forward-thinking businesses to accelerate electrification without being limited by grid constraints. Our approach combines strategic planning, consulting, and the deployment of mobile, off-grid technologies to provide immediate, tailored energy access - from EV charging to off-grid power when and where it's needed most. MOD Energy Solutions was founded by a team with over 25 years of experience in energy innovation, clean tech, and strategic consulting. Led by Monica Walters, a strategist and clean energy entrepreneur, MOD brings deep expertise in business innovation, sustainable infrastructure, and public private collaboration to every engagement.

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