


## SCOTIA-GLENVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

TO: Susan Swartz, Superintendent  
FROM: Andrew Giaquinto, School Business Manager   
DATE: November 8, 2023  
RE: EPA Grant Development – Round 3 of Clean School Bus Program

NYS is requiring all new school buses purchased to be zero-emission by 2027 and all school buses in operation to be zero emission by 2035. Based on the last information that we received, an electric bus is approximately \$380,000, twice the current cost of a fuel-powered bus (our most recent bus prop included \$158,000 for a 72-passenger bus and \$186,000 for a 57-passenger wheel-chair capacity bus). Any financial assistance that can be provided for the transition is worth pursuing.

We have applied for a grant (with the assistance of our consultant, Transpar, working with Highland Fleets) under Round 2 of EPA's Clean School Bus (CSB) Program Grant. Since our District did not meet the criteria for funding prioritization under the CSB program, we are eligible to receive up to \$250,000 towards a bus and charging infrastructure. In an effort to increase our chance of being awarded a grant, we were incorporated into a grant application with other Districts that do meet the criteria for funding prioritization. Our application was for a total of 5 buses. We anticipate EPA Round 2 award announcements between December 2023 and January 2024. The earliest arrival of buses, if awarded, would be one year later. This will give us time to determine the best way to fund the local share (either a bus proposition or a bus reserve).

We are presently working with Transpar on an RFP for the electric vehicle infrastructure at the Bus Garage. It is anticipated that National Grid will subsidize a significant portion, if not all, of these costs.

EPA recently announced Round 3 of the Clean School Bus Program. At no cost to the District, Highland has offered to work with the District on an additional application for Round 3. If we are awarded one or both rounds, buses can be received on a timeline which the district dictates upon award of either or both rounds of funding.

I am requesting approval to continue to work with Transpar and Highland Fleets to start the process for Round 3 as soon as possible. We will need the BOE President's signature on the attached form. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

AG/cc

Attachment

pc: C. Bisailon

## 2023 Clean School Bus (CSB) Rebates Program School Board Awareness Certification

By signing, I certify that I am an Authorized Representative for Scotia-Glenville Central School District and that Highland Electric Fleets, Inc. (Applicant) has made us aware that Highland Electric Fleets, Inc. is applying for 2023 Clean School Bus Rebate Program funding for Scotia-Glenville Central School District. I also certify that, in discussions with Highland Electric Fleets, Inc., we have discussed the number of buses for replacement, the fuel type of the new buses, and which party will own the new buses.

### School Board Authorized Representative

<i>School Board Authorized Representative Name (Print)</i>	<i>Authorized Representative Signature</i>	
<i>Authorized Representative Title</i>	<i>Phone Number</i>	<i>Email</i>

### School District Authorized Representative

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### Applicant Authorized Representative

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