



## School Transportation Quarterly Spring 2025

*Happy Spring! In this issue:*

**A poll update on school bus electrification in NY, an EV school bus case study, industry news, upcoming events (including one THIS WEEKEND with NY Bus Sales), and more!**

Results are coming in on our recent poll which aims to capture your perspectives on electrifying school buses. Overall, respondents agree that there needs to be more flexibility to allow for a smooth transition to meet state targets. What do YOU think?

**Do you support school bus electrification, regardless of a state mandate? We'd like to know what you think. Respond to our ONE MINUTE poll [here](#)!**

### **Cajun Valley School District EV School Bus Case Study**

The San Diego Clean Cities Coalition recently hosted an E-School Bus Electrification event, funded through NREL's Jumpstart program. They explored Cajon Valley School District's efforts in electrifying its school bus fleet. The final report can be viewed [here](#) with the presentations available on [their website](#).

As an early adopter, the school district operates eight electric buses alongside its traditional fleet and is actively participating in a Vehicle-to-Grid (V2G) pilot program.

- Key takeaways from the discussion included:
- The critical role of incentives in making electrification financially feasible.
- Challenges with vehicle reliability and servicing delays.
- Opportunities to reduce peak energy costs using bus batteries and the importance of cross-department collaboration in schools.
- Programs provided by the local utility to assist with EV planning.
- Collaboration among school districts and municipalities to ensure charging availability.

## Industry News

***The current state of federal funding (provided by the national Alliance for Electric School Buses, as of late March\*)***

### WHAT'S HAPPENING

**EPA froze, then partially unfroze, funding for climate and EV programs.**

This includes the Clean School Bus Program (CSBP) and Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicle Program (CHDVP).

Unfrozen:

- CSBP 2022 (Round 1) rebates
- CSBP 2023 (Round 2) grants
- CHDVP 2023 grants

Still frozen:

- CSBP 2023 (Round 3) rebates
  - Portal is open but recipients can't withdraw funds
  - No explanations given

\*WRI recently reported that they've "been informed by several recipients that EPA is once again able to process and approve Payment Request Forms for funds awarded through the third round of CSBP funding – the 2023 rebates. For recipients of 2023 CSBP rebate funding, that means EPA should now be able to complete the Payment Request Form approval process and disburse funds." Contact the [cleanschoolbus@epa.gov](mailto:cleanschoolbus@epa.gov) helpline for more information.

### ***Tariffs & the School Bus: What we Know so Far***

A response from School Bus Fleet and industry leaders to the ever-changing tariff landscape and how they impact the transportation sector.

## Webinars and Upcoming Events

Green Transportation Summit and Expo, June 10-12, Tacoma, WA (two months earlier than usual)

Oregon Pupil Transportation Association Conference, June 16-19, Bend, OR

Find many school bus (not necessarily ESB related) conferences and events on STN's Industry Calendar

## Webinars and Upcoming Events Cont..

**SAVE THE DATE! Registration link to be shared in early May!**

**Thurs., May 22<sup>nd</sup> from noon-12:45**

***Planning for Electrification with National Grid: Grid Capacity, Current Programs, and Proactive Planning***

This webinar will consider fleet capacity and feasibility from a utility perspective, including an EV school bus deep dive & "myth busting," commercial programs for businesses through Make-Ready and fleet operator offerings, and residential programs to reduce costs for EV drivers. This will be followed by a Q&A.

NG Presenters: Jacob Beeman, Program Manager, Customer Solutions for Fleet and MHDV Electric Vehicle, and Ryan Wheeler, Fleet Electrification Product Owner

**THIS WEEKEND! (NY Bus Sales will be in attendance!)**

### PENFIELD'S ANNUAL DRIVE ELECTRIC EARTH DAY CAR SHOW



Saturday  
**APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup>**  
**10AM - 2PM**

**Get behind the wheel**

Connect with local  
sustainability organizations



**Talk with EV owners**

Families welcome



**PENFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER**  
Library Parking lot



**1985 BAIRD RD**  
**PENFIELD, NY 14526**



Register  
to attend or  
participate

**PenfieldEvShow.org**

walk-ins  
welcome

## Webinars and Upcoming Events Cont.



### Roadmap Conference

**Detroit, MI, October 14-16, 2025**

Attend the premier electric transportation conference in the United States, October 14-16 in Detroit, Michigan.



### ***Electric Vehicle Essentials ONLINE:***

EV Training for Technicians and the Related Workforce  
4 Wednesdays starting April 9 or May 7

Introduction to electric vehicle (EV) and hybrid-electric vehicle (HEV) technology, systems, and safety to a variety of workers involved in the vehicle maintenance, service, and repair sectors.

More information and registration [here](#).

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For a list of incentives and funding opportunities available by state or fuel type, visit **AFDC laws and incentives**.

For information on a variety of funding and incentives relevant to our stakeholders, see **GRCC's Funding and Incentives** web page.

