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To Whom it May Concern,

The Hopewell Valley Regional School District (Hopewell Valley) is pleased to provide this letter in support of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) proposal to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Implementation Program. We strongly support this grant application and look forward to helping DEP accelerate the reduction in carbon emissions in New Jersey by funding the adoption of electric vehicles through an innovative school bus and site microgrid project.

Hopewell Valley is dedicated to supporting the creation of a more environmentally sustainable community and improving the quality of life for community members, students, and families who are disproportionately affected by air emissions. Emissions from the transportation sector are the largest source of greenhouse gas pollution in New Jersey, contributing to climate change through higher temperatures, sea level rise, and more frequent extreme weather events. Hopewell Valley is committed to the continued decarbonization of diesel engines and has experience with solar and storage projects which we will bring to this application. Hopewell Valley would be a proud partner and will build on our previous experiences with these technologies, helping to accelerate technology adoption for all districts. Providing clean and equable transportation to students is necessary for any school district and this grant program provides a pathway for our school district to offer such services. We understand that, if awarded, DEP seeks to assist us with procuring electric school buses, bi-directional charging infrastructure, renewable power generation, and a storage system, which will all be connected through a site-wide microgrid. Through this partnership, DEP and the Hopewell Valley Regional School District will ensure compliance with the standards and requirements of EPA.

We appreciate the opportunity to support New Jersey in electrifying the school bus system and will continue to work with the DEP and other stakeholders to actively promote electric school buses.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Robert Colavita
Assistant Superintendent of Finance/Board Secretary