



Letter of Support

The French American Academy 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.

The French American Academy 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. Because of this, increasing equitable access to electric school buses to students is a priority for the French American Academy. A major barrier to these projects has been lack of funding. The French American Academy is excited to take part in the innovative CPRG program that DEP is proposing. Providing clean and equitable transportation to students is necessary for any school district and this grant program provides a pathway for our school 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 French American Academy 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.

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