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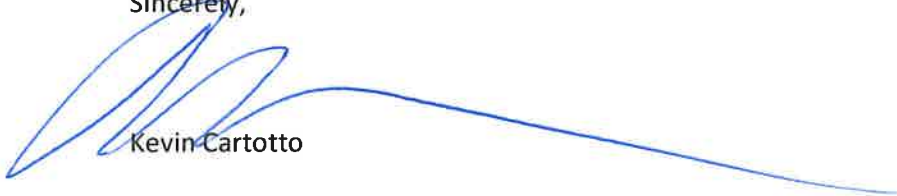
The Dumont Board of Education (Dumont BOE) is pleased to provide this letter in support of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) proposal to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Implementation Program. We are committed to supporting this grant opportunity and look forward to helping DEP reduce carbon emissions in New Jersey by funding the adoption of electric vehicles through an innovative school bus and site microgrid project.

Dumont BOE 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. To adapt to these changes, Dumont BOE is committed to supporting the resilience of our buildings and our communities. Our district has taken initiative in emissions reductions by creating an Energy Saving Improvement Plan. 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 Dumont BOE 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.

Sincerely,



Kevin Cartotto