



## **Vermont School District First to Receive Electric School Buses in the State**

*Fairfax School District's electric-powered school buses provide safe, zero-emissions transportation for students*

FAIRFAX, Vt. (February 15, 2022) — Fairfax School District introduced two zero-emissions Blue Bird school buses to its fleet this school year. The school district's Blue Bird electric school buses were purchased from the Agency of Natural Resources Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust Fund. This pilot program is managed by the Vermont Energy Investment Corporation, which is testing how well electric school buses work in Vermont's climate and terrain.

Through this pilot program, Fairfax School District was the first in the state to receive Cummins-powered electric school buses from Anderson Motors Blue Bird Bus Sales of New England in July and placed them into service for the start of the school year.

"By participating in this pilot program, Fairfax School District is leading the state in adopting clean and economical Blue Bird electric school buses," said Matthew Stevenson, president and CEO of Blue Bird Corporation. "Transitioning to these emission-free school buses make sense for school districts to help reduce their carbon footprints, which means cleaner air for our children."

The school district is using Level 2 AC PowerPort charging stations from Nuvve Holding Corp. (Nuvve) for intelligent charging now, and the buses are vehicle-to-grid (V2G)-ready should Fairfax upgrade to Nuvve's V2G DC fast chargers in the future. This platform allows the school bus batteries to store energy when the grid doesn't have an immediate need for it, which then lets fleets provide stored energy back to the grid when demand calls for it.

The district's Blue Bird electric school buses are powered by the Cummins PowerDrive EV system, utilizing technology from Nuvve.

“Electrifying our nation’s school bus fleet is no longer a future dream — it’s something we can achieve now when the various players in the industry work together to create cleaner rides for students and communities,” said Gregory Poilasne, chairman and CEO of Nuvve. “Nuvve is proud to partner with Anderson Motors Blue Bird Sales of New England, Cummins, and Blue Bird Corporation to provide a turnkey electrification solution for Fairfax School District. This is an example of how Nuvve can provide a path from intelligent charging to V2G to maximize the utilization and benefits of electric buses in Vermont and the Northeast.”

According to pilot program administrator [Vermont Energy Investment Corporation](#), the district can save as much as \$36,000 in fuel costs for each of its electric buses compared with a diesel bus and annual greenhouse gas emissions will be approximately 97% lower than diesel.

“Anderson Motors Blue Bird Bus Sales of New England is proud to be a partner in the first ever deployment of two Blue Bird electric school buses in the state of Vermont. Working with VEIC, Fairfax School District, Blue Bird Corporation, Cummins, Nuvve, and Green Mountain Power has been very rewarding. We are pleased to be a part of the successful initiative to electrify Vermont’s first electric school buses”, said Jim Anderson, Vice President of Anderson Motors Blue Bird Bus Sales of New England.

“This pilot program is the first in Vermont to establish a sustainable fleet with V2G technology, demonstrating how innovative zero-emissions technology is possible for communities across the nation,” said Brian Wilson, General Manager Electrified Components at Cummins. “Cummins has worked hard to innovate V2G-enabled software and implement it into all of our systems, giving our customers the ability to utilize this technology and optimize their infrastructure.”

The school district also added infrastructure and chargers to support their new zero-emissions buses as part of the program.

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*About Blue Bird Corporation:* Blue Bird (NASDAQ: BLBD) is recognized as a technology leader and innovator of school buses since its founding in 1927. Our dedicated team

members design, engineer and manufacture school buses with a singular focus on safety, reliability, and durability. Blue Bird buses carry the most precious cargo in the world – the majority of 25 million children twice a day – making us the most trusted brand in the industry. The company is the proven leader in low- and zero-emission school buses with more than 20,000 propane, natural gas, and electric powered buses in operation today. Blue Bird is transforming the student transportation industry through cleaner energy solutions. For more information on Blue Bird's complete product and service portfolio, visit [www.blue-bird.com](http://www.blue-bird.com). For Blue Bird's line of emission-free electric buses, visit [www.bluebirdelectricbus.com](http://www.bluebirdelectricbus.com).

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