



RE: Electric Buses

Thank you for your letter urging the school district to switch from diesel to electric buses. Your letter was shared with the Board of Education at a meeting held on September 28, 2022.

Since the electric bus program was announced by the district, we now have four zero emission school buses and two electric vehicles for our tradespeople. Three more electric buses are on order and the expected delivery is February 2023. It is projected that the remaining 14 diesel(gas) powered buses running regular routes will eventually be replaced with electric versions over the next 10+ years.

This past June, the bus replacement program in the Minor Capital Plan was submitted to the Ministry of Education and Child Care with a request to replace two more aging school buses. The buses will help reduce the school district's greenhouse gas emissions and is projected to save \$20,000 a year in fuel and maintenance.

In addition to getting new buses, the district will also be working to increase the number of charging stations, which currently can be expanded to 10.

District staff will continue to source electric alternatives in the years to come as it aligns directly with our operational goal to reduce the percentage of busing in our fleet using diesel by five percent each year, thereby reducing our carbon footprint with each passing year.

Sincerely,

Charlene McKay
Board Chair