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TISA BOSCOLA 18TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT

Boscola Grant Delivers First Electric School Buses to Lehigh Valley

Bethlehem, PA – April 12, 2024 – Senator Lisa Boscola today joined officials from the Bethlehem Area School District and PPL as BASD unveiled two new electric buses that was secured thanks to a \$1 million state grant that she secured.

"I could not be more excited to be a stones throw away from my alma mater, Freedom High School, to celebrate the start of a new era of transportation for Bethlehem Area School District," Boscola stated. "Our students win, our taxpayers win, and our environment wins with a steady transition away from diesel buses to electric buses."

The grant funds paid for the two electric vehicles, chargers and installation of the chargers. BASD will be the first school district in the Lehigh Valley to roll electric buses. Across the Commonwealth, there are a



handful of EV buses on the road, including a district in Chester County as well at a district outside Harrisburg.

"Bethlehem Area School District is proud to be the first school district in the Lehigh Valley to put EV buses on the road and we cannot thank Senator Boscola more for her leadership in this accomplishment," stated Dr. Jack Silva, Superintendent of the Bethlehem Area School District. "We see the future in an electric bus fleet and today we take another step in forward in achieving that goal, which will bring about dramatic reductions in vehicle exhaust."

"While moving to electric school buses makes sense, they are not cheap," Boscola added. "I didn't believe local taxpayers should bear the entire burden of this new opportunity, which is why I wanted to direct some state dollars to help the school district with the project."

Boscola also noted that electric vehicles provide cost savings as they generally require less maintenance and BASD can reduce its diesel purchases.

"BASD is the 6th largest school district in Pennsylvania. It covers an enormous geographic area, and a substantial portion of its students ride buses to and from school, athletic events and field trips,

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By Karen Brewer

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Sunday May 5th: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (Bag Day_ \$5.00 per bag, does NOT include jewelry).

This event will feature thousands of gently used and like new books, DVD's and Audio books for adults and children. All Fiction is organized alphabetically according to author, all Non-Fiction is organized according to genre (ex: History, Science, Health, Cooking, etc.) In addition, there will be a large selection of gently used and some new jewelry. If you would like to donate books please contact the librarian at the Bangor Llbrary @ 610-588-4136. For additional information about the sale, please contact: Karen Brewer @ 484-894-5661. Volunteers are always needed to help move/or the books.





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