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In support of transition to electric school buses for CSF

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Objet : In support of transition to electric school buses for CSF**À :** csf-team@lynchbuslines.com, info@lynchbuslines.com,
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ATTENTION : Ce courriel provient de l'extérieur du CSF. Soyez prudent lorsque vous ouvrez des pièces jointes ou lorsque vous cliquez sur des liens provenant d'expéditeurs inconnus.

Dear CSF Board / Vancouver Trustee and Lynch Bus Lines,

Let us start by saying how grateful I am for our 7 year old daughter being able to take the bus to school each day. Many times she tells us it is her favourite part of the day. We still get a boost every time we get to wave to a bus full of happy kids being safely driven to school... what a privilege.

We are writing you to ask if there is anything that we can do to help encourage and accelerate a transition to electric buses. This change would be an important contribution to reducing emissions that are detrimental to our climate emergency and the air quality in our cities - which has important health implications for our children.

Here is a recent article noting some of the emerging research around this topic:

<https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2023/04/27/are-diesel-school-buses-poisoning-kids-why-replacing-them-with-electric-could-have-health-and-psychological-benefits.html>

You are likely already aware that electric buses offer a number of advantages over traditional diesel buses, including lower operating costs and maintenance, reduced emissions, and a quieter, more comfortable ride for passengers. While the initial purchase price may be high, they do save money in the long run and are the right thing to do.

We can well imagine that with limited funds and many priorities in front of you, this may be a challenge to action quickly. We also understand that Lynch and CSF are separate entities. But from experience we also know that sometimes a small amount of time dedicated to awareness building, advocacy, grant hunting, partnership building, and collaborative problem-solving can make change happen very quickly. We are happy to be supportive parents if there is anything we can do to help.

And in the immediate term, perhaps strong guidance and around "no-idling" would be helpful if you do not already have this in place?

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Matt Dolf & Eve Gagnon, parents of [REDACTED] enrolled in École des Colibris (Vancouver)
