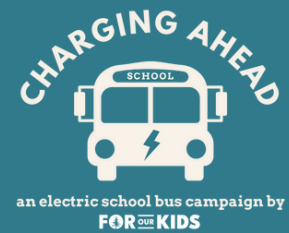


A step-by-step guide to advocating for **ELECTRIC SCHOOL BUSES** *in your community*



You know electric buses are a better choice – what's next? Here's the For Our Kids how-to guide to getting one in your community.

Find some support

There can be strength in numbers. You might want to work with a couple of friends, or present at a Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meeting to get other parents interested in this issue. Having support is nice, but not essential.

Do some research

The most effective way to find out where your district is in terms of bus electrification is to email or call your transportation manager (BC contact details here). You'll want to ask things like

- Does the district have any electric buses?
- Do they have a plan/timeline for adding more electric buses?
- What are the barriers to adding more electric buses? Logistics? Cost? Uncertainty?
- Do they have a climate action plan?
- How they report on emissions? (this varies by province)

Formulate your ask

Ideally, we want all new bus purchases to be electric – but go with what's appropriate in your district. Is it buying one or two electric buses this year – or conducting a feasibility study?

Connect with your school board trustees

Remember that school board trustees are elected representatives. They'll be happy to talk to you! Reach out by email or phone, introduce yourself and the issue. You might want to connect with sympathetic trustees to get feedback.

Present to your board

Ideally you'll want to present to your school board. Tell them about the health and climate benefits of electric school buses (email for help with a presentation template and referenced materials). Try to counter any concerns over funding, and stress long term savings..

Patience and perseverance

Electric school buses are a big purchase. Things probably won't change overnight. Keeping the dialogue open, and following up is important.

Thank you for hopping on our electric school bus campaign!
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