



NYC Clean School Bus Coalition Agenda: 2022–2027

Getting to 2035

The New York City Clean Bus Coalition was launched in October 2020 to advocate for the electrification of all New York City school buses to improve the city's air quality and the health of NYC students, families, and workers.

This past year our coalition kept busy organizing a rally for Intro 455, building support among council members, engaging community members to grow our coalition, and launching our social media accounts in order to build a digital presence. We have also expanded to include a diverse group of advocates and stakeholders.

Intro 455–A Passed!

Our coalition has been pushing for the passage of Intro 455 since before our formation. In October 2021, the bill finally came to vote and passed! This means that a transition to an all Electric School Bus (ESB) fleet by 2035 is now mandated by law. The bill requires the Department of Education to report to the Mayor and Council Speaker regarding various implementation targets by three key dates in July 2023, 2028, and 2033. These mandated reports coincide with transition goals: 75 ESBs by 2023, 20% by 2028, and 66% by 2033. With this new law in place our coalition will focus on supporting a swift, equitable, and accessible transition.



2022–27 Priorities

● Support a Swift and Smooth Transition to an all Electric School Bus Fleet

- Advocate for local, state, federal, and utility funding for EV charging stations and ESBs.
- Research different tools that can facilitate ESB deployment such as financing and leasing models and vehicle-to-grid technology.
- Ensure ESBs and transition targets outlined in the law are accounted for in city plans related to energy, infrastructure, and transportation, such as in the City 2022 Energy Plan.
- Convene important stakeholders, such as parents, bus companies and contractors, to discuss how we can transition smoothly to ESBs.

● Facilitate Equitable Implementation of ESBs

- Push for ESBs and EV charging to be prioritized for depots, routes, and areas that serve historically overburdened and vulnerable children. This includes but is not limited to students who are low income, from communities of color and/or environmental justice areas, with disabilities, and/or experiencing varying levels of homelessness.
- Continue public engagement and education efforts to uplift ESBs as a

solution that can be a part of the transformation towards positive community health outcomes, climate justice, and a just economy.

- Work with school bus worker unions and the City to ensure that school bus drivers and technicians receive proper training in order to thrive in their new, high-quality green jobs.
- **Expand Our Reach Beyond NYC**
 - Advocate for dedicated funding, technical assistance, and other essential interventions to electrify school buses in disadvantaged communities across New York State.
 - Support the electrification of all NYS and U.S. school buses through implementation of well-designed legislation, such as S.5268/A.6754, that reflects our coalition's values and the momentum established through the passage of Intro 455–A.
 - Promote policies which incentivize the development of a high-road electric school bus industry in New York and the U.S. that respects communities and the environment and creates high-paying union jobs with family-sustaining benefits.

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