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Reynolds School District Purchased All-Electronic Bus for its Fleet

April 13, 2021, Fairview, OR – Reynolds School District recently added an all-electronic bus to its fleet. The bus was purchased through a grant supporting the electric school bus program. The grant is part of a larger initiative at Portland General Electric to invest its Oregon Clean Fuels Program credits in ways that help make electric transportation available to everyone. Reynolds School District is excited to advance the goal of a future powered by clean energy. RSD is the second school district in Oregon to have an all-electronic bus in its fleet.

This is a zero-emissions bus which holds 28 seats and it will be used in a traditional route for students in the district. There are currently four all-electronic busses throughout Oregon. If future grants become available to purchase another all-electronic bus, RSD will add to its fleet.

As tradition to number a new bus, RDS's Transportation Department numbered it 1.21, an ode to the number of gigawatts needed for the flux capacitor to work in the movie, *Back to the Future*.



"The bus will save the district approximately \$30,000 a year in gas and maintenance costs," states Rehana Nelson, Reynolds School District Transportation Coordinator. Nelson added, "It has a 100-mile range on an eight-hour charge, which fits well for our district's routes, all less than 100 miles."

About <u>Reynolds School District</u>:

Each and every child in Reynolds School District is prepared for a world yet to be imagined. Reynolds School District recognizes the diversity and worth of all individuals and groups in our society. Reynolds School District Board of Education ensures that all educational programs, activities and employment will be free of discrimination or harassment on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, parental or marital status, or age.

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