

From: Linda Young, Director of Grants, Little Rock School District

To: New York Times Letters to the Editor

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Dear editor,

Re “[Why Some Schools Are Hitting the Brakes on Electric Buses](#)” (Sept 23, 2026)

At Little Rock School District in Arkansas, where I serve as Director of Grants, we started electrifying our school bus fleet in 2025. Already, the choice is paying off.

Beyond the benefits to our students’ and drivers’ health, our electric school buses are on track to save us around \$150,000 each year in fuel and maintenance costs when compared to their diesel counterparts – money that can be used to pay teachers or buy supplies for the classroom.

And we know these buses work very well. Our Type C electric buses can run up to 130 miles on a single charge, enough to reliably cover all our routes. With regenerative braking technology, they can extend the bus’s battery while also extending the life of the brakes, saving us even more money in maintenance costs.

A transition like this takes time and effort, but there’s no question that our electric school buses are delivering for our community and our budget.

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