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Josh,

I want to thank you for connecting the Cleveland Municipal School District with the Clean Fuels for Schools Program and working so closely with us to clean up our fuel infrastructure here at CMSD. Our tanks are clean, the buses are polluting less, running great, and we are saving money.

I admit I was a complete skeptic when first approached with your "High Performance Clean Diesel" fuel claims of a promised 10% improvement in MPG. After personally testing the fuel and collecting the data, I was surprised and pleased with the outcome of our test that showed an average improvement of over 11+% in MPG among other noticeable benefits.

While the 11+% fuel savings was our impetus for choosing HPCD fuel, the biggest benefit we are now realizing is the clean fuel itself. With the old standard diesel fuel, we were having many issues with the regeneration process on our new buses. We were servicing the particulate filters on the buses frequently. When that happens the bus is out of service and it causes all kinds of problems in our daily operations.

Since the change to your clean HPCD fuel, the regeneration issues and the particulate filters have been almost a non-issue, and this is significant to me. Our operation is running more smoothly, downtime has been dramatically reduced, and there are no black smoke issues with the buses.

After a strong recommendation to our Board, we are happy to run our fleet on HPCD fuel and participate in the Clean Fuels for Schools Initiative.

Sincerely,

Michael Bower Fleet Maintenance Manager Cleveland Metropolitan School District (216)441-8235