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NYSED Zero Emission Bus Waiver Application **Update as of January 2026**

Dear School District Partners,

New York Bus Sales is your trusted source for accurate and up-to-date information regarding the **Zero Emissions (EV) Waiver Extension**.

Based on guidance from **the New York State Education Department (SED)**, school districts **may begin applying now** for the Zero Emissions Extension **if they have all required supporting documentation prepared**.

Please review the important updates below:

Key Application Timelines & Requirements

- 1. Districts can begin applying now** if they have all the necessary supporting documents.
- 2. Any applications submitted through June 30, 2026** will be reviewed for approval covering the **2027–2028 and 2028–2029 school years**.

3. **After July 1, 2026**, districts may apply on a **rolling basis through March 1, 2027**, again covering the **2027–2028 and 2028–2029 school years**.
4. **The previously referenced March 1, 2026 deadline is no longer valid.** Districts now have until **June 30, 2026** to submit applications. The application will **reopen on July 1, 2026** for the following school year, and all submissions are reviewed on a rolling basis.
5. **SED recommends that districts wait until all supporting documentation is available** before submitting their application for approval.
 - If a district is currently working on a **Fleet Electrification Plan (FEP)**, they may still apply by submitting documentation showing the FEP is in progress (such as a letter, purchase order, or related paperwork). This documentation satisfies the **three-point requirement** for the waiver.

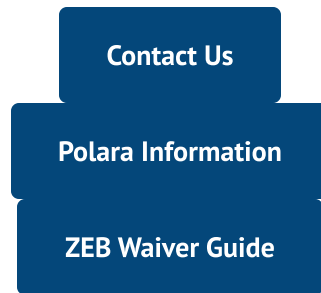
Important Deadline Revision

- The previously referenced **March 1, 2026 deadline is no longer valid.**
- Districts now have until **June 30, 2026** to submit applications under the current cycle.
- The application portal will reopen on **July 1, 2026** for the following school year.

Fleet Electrification Support

For districts seeking assistance with fleet electrification planning, **Polara Fleet studies for electric bus implementation** are an accepted and effective resource to support the application and planning process.


For your convenience, we have **attached our contacts, a guidance document, and Information about Polara** outlining these requirements and timelines in greater detail.



For additional clarification, districts may also contact SED directly:

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If you have questions or would like assistance navigating the Zero Emissions Extension or fleet electrification planning, please contact **New York Bus Sales**. We are here to help guide you through every step of the process.

Sincerely,
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**CONTACT US WITH ANY QUESTIONS YOU
HAVE!**

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