

CROTON CLIMATE ACTION

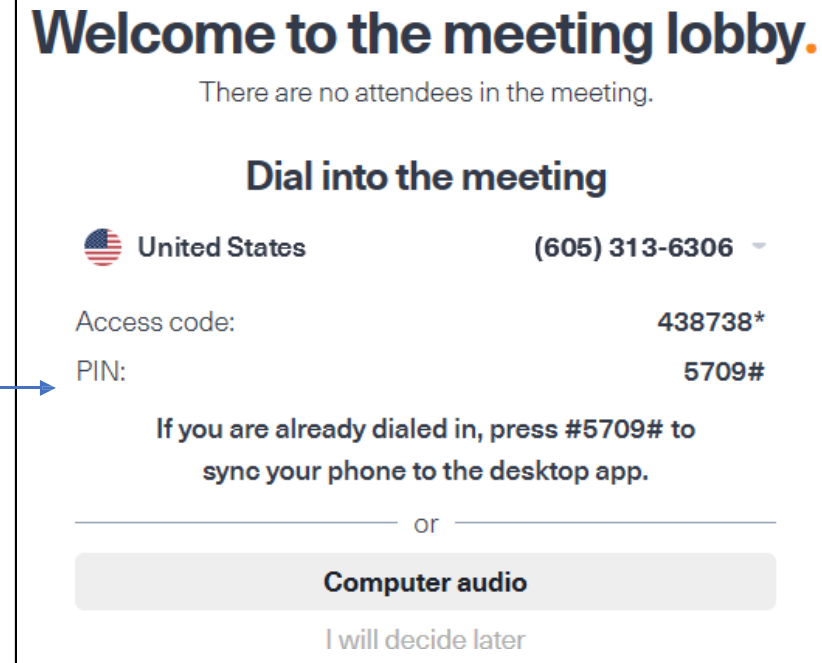
NEXT STEPS

May 18, 2020 | Volunteer Videoconference | croton100.org



How to join the videoconference


1. Find a comfortable chair, brew a nice cup of tea
2. Join the online meeting:
<https://join.freeconferencecall.com/leowiegman>
Join 5 minutes early because there may be a one-time download to your laptop or tablet
3. In the “meeting lobby,” you will have a choice of getting audio through your laptop/tablet (click “computer audio”) or using a traditional telephone (follow the prompts)
 - i. If your laptop has a speaker and microphone and you have a strong WiFi signal, get audio through your computer
 - ii. Otherwise, use this dial-in number: (978) 990-5000
When prompted, enter this access code: 340905#
5. If you have any technical difficulties, please contact Leo Wiegman at (914) 980-9437



Welcome to the meeting lobby.

There are no attendees in the meeting.

Dial into the meeting

 **United States** **(605) 313-6306**

Access code: **438738***

PIN: **5709#**

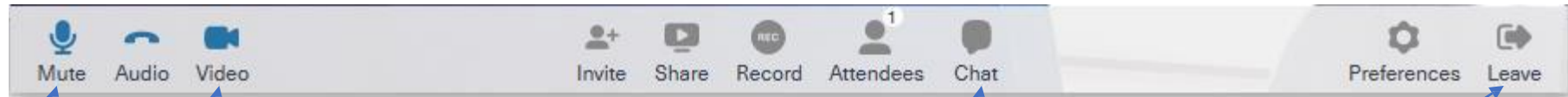
If you are already dialed in, press #5709# to sync your phone to the desktop app.

or

Computer audio

I will decide later

Videoconference best practices



1. Mute yourself when not speaking
2. Turn on your video feed to maximize “face-to-face” interaction
3. Use the chat feature to insert questions and comments without interrupting the speaker; use the chat button to get the attention of the moderator, as well as to express interest in volunteering for an activity
4. When the meeting is finished, use the “Leave” button
5. Pay attention to audio quality: unmute yourself and speak loudly, clearly and close to the microphone of your telephone or laptop
6. During presentation sessions, all attendees will be muted to preserve audio quality, use the chat feature to get attention



EV Campaign Issue: Gas v. Electric School Bus



The Croton School District plans to buy new fossil fuel buses and other vehicles



Mothers Out Front asked C100 to join it in opposing buying any more fossil fuel vehicles



Several C100 members submitted comments to the Board of Education urging it to purchase EVs (in addition to previous statements provided at a Board of Education meeting)



EV Campaign Issue: Gas v. Electric School Bus



On May 7, the School Board passed a resolution to put a proposition on the **June 9** School Budget Ballot, authorizing \$225,000 for “various vehicles”



C100 May 10 Mothers’ Day Blog covers the issues:

<https://croton100.org/blog/f/your-mother’s-day-good-deed-join-electric-school-bus-campaign>



PROPOSITION B

- June 9 School Ballot
- Voter approval
- Borrow \$225,000
- “Various Vehicles”



Bus Proposition

Not to exceed BAN of \$225,000 (reduced from \$375,000)

- 2020 Chrysler Pacifica/Nissan-Hybrid - 7 passenger
- 2020 Blue Bird Vision Bus (gas) - 65 passenger
- 2020 Chevy Van - 34 passenger



PROPOSITION B



Croton100 opposes the \$225,000 transportation bond because of the gas bus purchase



Croton100 does not oppose the general \$49.5M budget



Public Budget Hearing: **May 28, @ 7:30** (televideo format)



Oppose Gas Bus Bond



URGENCY



Time-sensitive/Limited Duration (3 weeks)



Ballots Must be Returned to Election Officials by
June 9, 5:00pm



Consider mailing ballot **prior to June 5**



High voter turnout expected due to mail-in ballots
automatically sent to qualified voters



Need to educate a lot of residents, really fast



Strategy: Parallel Tracks to Help School Purchase an Electric Bus



Help School find a way to purchase an e-bus



Chandu and carbon team working to identify vendors and funding sources



Extremely difficult to achieve in the next few weeks

Step 1: Determined specifications and got a quote

Specification	Requirement
Passengers	66
Type	C or D
Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR)	Class 7 (26,001 – 33,000 lbs)
3-point belts	Required
NY Safety Package	Required
Air conditioning	Required
Range on a single charge	100 miles
Manufacturer	Lion Electric
“Buy America” provisions	Mandatory
Availability	Must be delivered in September 2020
Other	100% composite body; excellent cold-weather performance
Parking	Outdoor, freezing temperatures OK

- Tentative quote from Lion Electric for LionC 72-seater for \$330,000

Step 2: Researched subsidies and rebates

Croton Harmon School District Bus Purchase	
Item	Cost
Cost of gas bus	\$130,000
Cost of LionC electric bus all-inclusive	\$330,000
Incremental cost of electric bus	\$200,000
80% of incremental cost	\$160,000
Maximum NYSERDA funding available	\$120,000
Actual CMAQ NYSERDA funding (min of above 2 lines)	\$120,000
School district incremental "out of pocket"	\$80,000

- Bottom line: bus effectively costs \$210,000 which is \$80,000 more than gas bus

Step 3: Creative ideas to fill the gap

- School district says they can tentatively close \$25K from general funds
- Coronavirus “diesel dividend” of \$10K
- NYSERDA “Charge Ready New York” funding of \$4K for charger installation
- NY Green Bank financing
- Volkswagen Settlement funding
- Forego the Chevy van
- Shop around for a better deal
- Smart Charge NY
- Net: savings of \$7,400 per year anticipated from fuel, maintenance and Smart Charge NY against up-front incremental outlay of \$80,000



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VOTER EDUCATION



Letters to the Editor (Gazette, Yorktown Examiner, ?)



May 25 (next Monday) and **June 1**, Gazette deadlines)



½ page ads in the Croton Gazette



Social Media Forums (C100, Mothers Out Front, etc.) + paid Facebook spots



Group e-mails (C100 Partners , Mothers Out Front, C4C, etc.)



Lawn Signs



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VOTER EDUCATION

- Possible voter education event (picketing)
 - Week of June 1
 - Groups of 6-10 people with signs and flyers (with social distancing and masks)
 - Four corners Maple-Rt.129/Old Post Rd
 - Four corners Benedict Blvd./Maple
 - Croton Landing
- Perfect opportunity for students and families to get involved

**HONEY-THEMED CAMPAIGN
RESPECTFUL COMMUNICATIONS
GROW THE TENT WITH KINDNESS**





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VOTER EDUCATION TACTIC TEAMS



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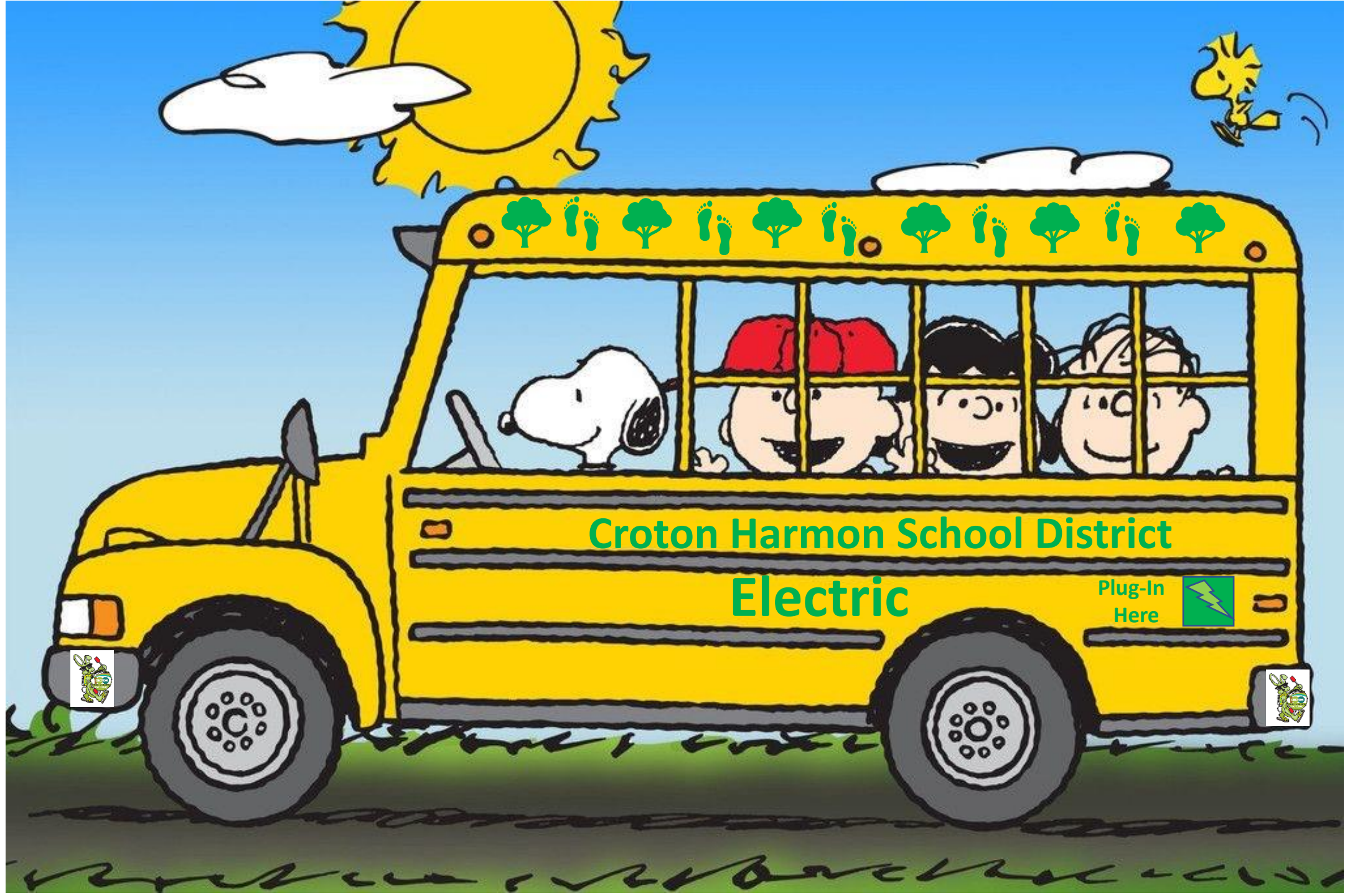
Picketing Event:



Other Ideas:



“Get Involved” with a click @ Croton100.org; e-mail
PattyLBuchanan@Hotmail.com



Croton Harmon School District

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