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July 2022

# E-Newsletter

## HB898 Signed Into Law!

HB898 of the 2022 regular session was signed by Governor John Bel Edwards in mid-June and is now Act No. 512. It goes into effect as Louisiana law on August 1, 2022.

HB898 was authored by State Representative Phillip DeVillier of District 41 which provides relative to the powers of parishes and municipalities with respect to liquefied petroleum gas aka propane to prohibit parishes and municipalities from enacting certain ordinances relative to permit applications and to provide for related matters. Essentially, this act protects propane from being banned as a fuel of choice for homes and projects alike in municipalities and parishes.

The bill was passed favorably by both the House and the Senate in the Louisiana legislature. In the Senate, it was championed by State Senator Gerald Boudreaux of District 24. Representative DeVillier and Senator Boudreaux have both been awarded 2022 Legislator of the Year by the Louisiana Propane Gas Association for their leadership on this bill.

Thank you to everyone who attended this year's summer convention at the Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach, AL! It was a great week for our industry with good friends and fellowship. We'll elaborate more on all of the wonderful things our Alabama/Louisiana group got to experience in our next issue, but we just wanted to do a brief mention since it's fresh on our mind!

For any questions, concerns, or additional information, please contact the LPGA office at 225-763-8922 or at [marica@ccilouisiana.com](mailto:marica@ccilouisiana.com).



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# 2022-2023 Calendar of Events

**September TBD:** Third Quarter Board of Directors Meeting, TBD.

**September 27-28:** PERC Train the Trainer for Building Professionals, Minneapolis, MN.

**December TBD:** Fourth Quarter Board of Directors Meeting and Christmas Dinner, Natchitoches.

**December 6-7:** Leadership Summit, Madison Hotel-Washington, DC.

**April 23-25, 2023:** NPGA Southeastern Convention & International Propane Expo, Music City Center-Nashville, TN.

**June 25-28, 2023:** APGA/LPGA Summer Convention, Hotel Monteleone-New Orleans, LA.

## Share School Sustainability Ideas in PERC Contest

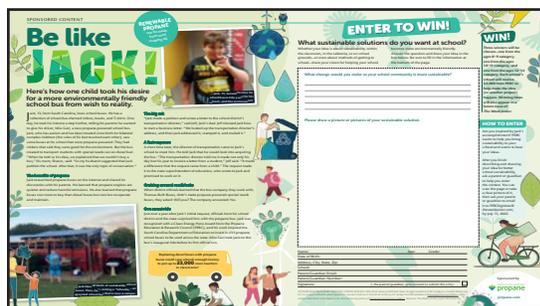
What sustainable solutions do parents, teachers and students want to see at schools in the communities you serve?

That's the question PERC is asking students and parents to think about as part of a new scholarship contest to promote environmentally friendly practices at school — like riding on a clean, propane-powered school bus.

PERC's "Be Like Jack" sustainability contest, held in partnership with The Week Junior magazine, is inspired by Jack Kendrick, a middle school student from South Carolina that successfully petitioned his school district to purchase the state's first propane-powered special needs school bus.

Students ages 8-14 interested in entering the contest can submit a drawing with a short, written response about how they would make their school more sustainable. One winner from each age group (8-9, 10-11, 12-14) will earn a \$2,000 donation to their school to put toward a sustainability project of its choice.

Submit your entry by going to: [tinyurl.com/47wp9p45](https://tinyurl.com/47wp9p45).



# NPGF Scholarship Recipients Announced



Name: Kaitlyn Caminita  
 Award: Marie Daniels Memorial Scholarship  
 Hometown: Covington, Louisiana  
 School: University of Louisiana at Lafayette in Lafayette, LA  
 Year: Sophomore  
 Major: Environmental Science  
 Parent: Brett Caminita is employed by AmeriGas Propane LP in Ponchatoula, LA



Name: Haley Elbert  
 Award: Joe and Naomi Cordill Scholarship  
 Hometown: Iowa, Louisiana  
 School: University of Louisiana at Lafayette in Lafayette, LA  
 Year: Freshman  
 Major: Nursing  
 Parent: Kristin Bellon is employed by Matheson Tri-Gas in Westlake, LA



Name: Rylan Rivers  
 Award: Chris and Becky Earhart Propane Technical Scholarship  
 Hometown: Noble, Louisiana  
 School: Louisiana Technical Collage in Many, LA  
 Year: Freshman  
 Major: Electrical  
 Parent: Brandon Rivers is employed by O'Nealgas in Many, LA



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Tracy Wells

# PERC, IAFC Partner to Update Propane Emergencies Training and Certification Program

PERC and the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) are partnering to update and expand the popular Propane Emergencies Training and Certification Program.

The training has been used by more than 3,000 firefighters and 500 chiefs nationwide, making it one of the largest education programs offered by IAFC.

Last updated in 2012, the student curriculum, instructor guides, training videos and tactical scenarios are being refreshed and made available as online and instructor-led programs. The updates are expected to be completed in early 2023.

The course will be delivered via web-based training through both IAFC and PERC learning management systems, instructor-led training programs, and on-line certification testing.

The updated version will add a certification that allows

the program to be an accredited part of required hazmat training for first responders at the awareness, operations, and technician levels. It also will enable propane industry employees to receive Pro-Board certification, allowing them to be recognized by the fire service in the event of a propane emergency.



## New ACE Services Coordinator

We're excited to share that Ms. Connie Womack has joined NPGA as Coordinator of Industry Affairs. Ms. Womack is training for the daily management of ACE Services, which is growing exponentially to serve the propane industry as well as other members of the on-road community. Ms. Womack's daily management of ACE Services enables Ms. Andrea Pavon, Membership Coordinator, to travel to state and regional association meetings as well as non-propane industry seminars to present the advantages of ACE Services to assist companies get new drivers on the road.

Ms. Womack joins NPGA after working at the United States Department of Transportation Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) for 17 years. During her tenure, she acquired various skillsets including working across departments to manage information for consumers. Ms. Womack also worked with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) assisting applicants who have been impacted by disasters and in need of assistance; performing intake and support to individuals from across the United States of America.

Ms. Womack shared, "As I begin my new journey with The National Propane Gas Association (NPGA), I am eager to consistently learn about propane and how we make use of it daily. I am also interested in learning how our customers must be in compliance to receive their full potential in order to be in operation. I know that safety is key and learning the various processes is of interest. I am excited as I continue this journey. I know that I will be able to continue honing my skills and learning something new from my leader and fellow team members."

Questions? Contact Coordinator, Industry Affairs, Connie Womack at [cwomack@npga.org](mailto:cwomack@npga.org).





# School Bus Performance That Makes the Grade

## RESOURCES FOR TEACHING SCHOOL OFFICIALS ABOUT THE BENEFITS OF PROPANE

When it comes to savings, propane school buses are the smart choice. Compared to electric models, they cost less, travel farther, refuel faster – and may have a smaller carbon footprint, too. With EPA Clean School Bus Program funding now available, it's time to educate school officials on the reasons to replace dirty diesel with propane instead of electric, for savings in fuel prices, maintenance and infrastructure. Get the "Clean School Bus Program" fact sheet at [propane.com/propane-products/buses](https://propane.com/propane-products/buses).



▶ **Scan the QR code** to see how transportation directors are sharing propane's benefits.

# EPA Clean School Bus Program: Unprecedented Opportunity to Incent Switch to Propane School Buses

Propane's clean, cost-saving performance is why 22,000 propane buses reliably transport 1.3 million children each school day.

And now the federal government is stepping up with unprecedented financial incentives to help school districts transition their bus fleets away from dirty diesels. Applications are being accepted for funding to purchase low-emissions models – including propane autogas – over the next five years.

The Environmental Protection Agency's \$5 billion Clean School Bus Program will help pay to swap existing buses with cleaner models that result in better air quality on the bus, in bus loading areas, and throughout the communities that they serve. Half of the funding is dedicated to electric models, as well as charging infrastructure.

Propane autogas models serving prioritized districts qualify for up to \$30,000 per vehicle. Those serving districts that are not prioritized are eligible for up to \$20,000. The priorities include rural school districts and those having 20 percent or more students living in poverty. A complete list of prioritized school districts by state can be found here: <https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2022-05/2022-csb-rebates-prioritized-school-districts-2022-05.pdf>.

Deadline for submitting applications for the first round of funding is Aug. 19, with awards being announced in October.

"The goal of this program is to ensure energy equity by removing as many aging, dirty diesel buses from the road as quickly as possible in areas that have been historically underserved," said Stephen Whaley, director of autogas business development with the Propane Education & Research Council.

"The fastest and most cost-effective way to achieve that goal is with propane autogas. Propane offers the lowest total cost-of-ownership, providing savings a school district will see year-over-year. That's how we revolutionize clean student transportation."

Whaley emphasizes the importance of marketers making sure their local school districts are aware of the

funding and that propane buses are eligible.

Let them know that propane buses are three times cheaper than electric buses (roughly \$100,000 vs. \$400,000), meaning school districts can purchase more clean buses by choosing propane. Plus, propane autogas infrastructure is a small fraction of the cost to purchase and install fast-charging equipment for a comparable electric vehicle fleet.

By combining these low costs with propane's clean benefits, school districts can more quickly reduce emissions in their fleet. Propane autogas buses reduce harmful nitrogen-oxide (NOx) emissions by 96 percent and have virtually zero particulate matter emissions. School transportation directors interested in applying for rebates must create an account on [sam.gov](https://sam.gov). Details on this process can be found on the Clean School Bus website at <https://www.epa.gov/cleanschoolbus/>.

Download and share the EPA Clean School Bus Program Fact Sheet (<https://propane.com/resource-catalog/resources/environmental-protection-agency-epa-clean-school-bus-program-factsheet/>) with school districts and your community.



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## A Commonsense Approach to Moving the Needle Toward Energy Security



*By: Todd Mouw, President of ROUSH CleanTech*

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CleanTech's headquarters in Livonia, Michigan.

Our advanced clean transportation solutions aim to decrease the use of imported gasoline and diesel so that Americans can rely on American-made energy, like propane autogas. With more than 90% of the U.S. propane autogas supply being produced domestically, and an additional 7% from our neighbors up north, it's a stable fuel that's readily available. Propane's distribution process — which creates 80,000 American jobs — doesn't fall victim to global supply chain issues since propane doesn't have to cross an ocean to reach its destination.

Another growing domestic resource that will help move the needle toward energy independence is renewable propane. Interest in this fuel is expanding due to its near-zero emission levels, reduced greenhouse gases, and ability to help meet the need for cleaner products without compromising range, performance or available payload.

Renewable propane supply is increasing due to substantial investment by industry stalwarts, such as Suburban Propane and AmeriGas Propane. Several U.S. refineries in California, Texas and Louisiana have existing capacity to produce renewable propane as part of their renewable diesel production systems. And, the demand is tangible. According to the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, renewable propane in California alone could surpass 200 million gallons by 2030.

Every year, the U.S. exports billions of gallons of propane to other countries to use in their vehicles that we,

instead, should be using in our own. By adopting fleet vehicles and school buses powered by propane, we can further cut the ties to foreign oil and rely on domestically produced, all-American energy like propane autogas.

Contact us to find out how you can invest in transportation solutions driving jobs and innovation that are American made!

I hope that you and your loved ones had a fantastic Fourth of July.

*Todd Mouw is president of ROUSH CleanTech, an industry leader of advanced clean vehicle technology. Mouw has more than two decades of experience in the automotive and high-tech industries. As former president of the NTEA Green Truck Association, Mouw helped set standards in the green trucking industry. To learn more, visit [ROUSHcleantech.com](http://ROUSHcleantech.com).*

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