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Dear Hailey Planning and Zoning commission:

I am writing in support of placing a Bio-Diesel fuel tank at our bus barn depot. As you probably know the school district recently spent an entire year in partnership with our community, developing a strategic plan that will guide our district over the next eight to ten years. Additionally we spent another year in committees delineating the specifics for the ten goal areas that came out of the community strategic planning sessions.

In both the district/community planning sessions as well as the subsequent committee work the voice for sustainable, environmentally friendly alternatives was loud and clear. The goal of the school district is always to improve the educational opportunities for our children. But, at the same time we want to be especially sensitive to using technologies that are as earth friendly as possible in support of our educational system. We believe that the move to, and our ability to access a 20% blend of Bio-Diesel is a positive move in that direction.

Some of the advantages of this move include a significant decrease in the number and length of fuel trips, a decrease in the actual mileage driven by each and every bus (no fuel trips off site) which in turn also results in a significant decrease in emissions. Additionally there are other benefits that include a savings that our taxpayers will realize in a decrease in labor costs for school district employees, not to mention the benefits to our beautiful valley environmentally, through the reduction of emissions and the resultant release of less green house gases.

In your deliberations on the viability of the placement of this tank on our facility please take into account the many positive benefits to both the school district and our community. We truly believe that this move is our first step in taking advantage of improved technologies that will allow us to become much greener in our approach to the education of our children and the support of our community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Lonnie Barber

Superintendent, Blaine County School District

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## **Mariel Platt**

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**From:** Michele Johnson [mjohnson@co.blaine.id.us]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 23, 2009 9:17 AM  
**To:** Mariel Platt  
**Subject:** FW: School District Bus Fuel

Here you go! Enjoy your day – Michele

Michele Johnson  
Blaine County PZ

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**From:** Chad Jenner [mailto:chad@idahoenergysavers.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 23, 2009 8:44 AM  
**To:** Tom Bergin; Tina Lewis; Jeffrey Adams; Michele Johnson; Megan Stelma; Brett Stevenson; Nancy Cooley; Shana Sweitzer  
**Subject:** School District Bus Fuel

Hello Planning and Zoning Committee,

I am writing to voice my support for the Blaine County School District proposal to install a Bio Diesel tank on School District property to fuel the bus fleet.

I have attended Goal 9 committee meetings and feel that the committee has done their due diligence to research options that are environmentally responsible and save the school district money. I have direct experience with B20 Bio Diesel and my opinion is that is a superior fuel in performance, vehicle maintenance, and emissions- it's a no-brainer option to pursue.

The School District cannot access this fuel from any local suppliers, and so require a tank installed on School District property.

I appreciate your time in considering my comments-

Thank you,  
Chad Jenner



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