

# Blue Bird Dealer in New York State to Open it's Second Electric Vehicle Center

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Syracuse, N.Y.--(BUSINESS WIRE)—New York Bus Sales, the Blue Bird dealer for 53 counties in New York State, has announced it will move its longtime headquarters in Chittenango NY to Syracuse NY by the end of 2025.

The move is necessary because in 2022, the NY State Legislature passed a law requiring school bus operators to exclusively purchase electric powered buses starting in July 2027, and removing all internal combustion engine school buses from the road before 2035. There are approximately 50,000 school buses in operation in New York State today. “We need significantly more electricity than we currently have available in our legacy facility, and the cost to bring the electricity to that facility is prohibitive. We decided to invest in the future and move to where the power is” said Sean Finnerty, President of New York Bus Sales. Finnerty also said “The move to the City of Syracuse provides better logistics for our company which supports school bus operators throughout most of New York State.”

Construction is expected to start within the next 90 days and should be completed in September of 2025 with the move of operations completed by the end of 2025. Once the move is complete there will be 70+ fulltime employees working at the new 55,000 square foot facility.

New York Bus Sales opened a 20,000 square foot Electric Vehicle Center in Batavia NY in September of 2023 to service their customers from the Western NY areas, which includes several districts who are already purchasing Electric School buses.

A groundbreaking ceremony with more details of the project and layout of the facility is planned for July 2024 at 801 Hiawatha Blvd.

*About New York Bus Sales:*

Family run for over 60 years, New York Bus Sales (NYBS) has dedicated full-service sales and maintenance facilities in Chittenango, Batavia and Ravena New York. NYBS offers the complete line of Blue Bird and Microbird by Girardin school and commercial buses along with comprehensive maintenance, repair and refurbishment service for many other types of vehicles. New York Bus Sales is a recognized leader in North America for its sales and support of Alternative Fueled products. To find out how New York Bus Sales can help you with your transportation needs, please call 1-800-962-5768, visit [www.newyorkbussales.com](http://www.newyorkbussales.com) or e-mail us at [info@newyorkbussales.com](mailto:info@newyorkbussales.com)

*About Blue Bird Corporation:*

Celebrating its 97<sup>th</sup> year in business, Blue Bird (Nasdaq: BLBD) is the leading independent designer and manufacturer of school buses, with approximately 500,000 buses in operation today. Blue Bird's longevity and reputation in the school bus industry have made it an iconic American brand. Blue Bird distinguishes itself from its principal competitors by its singular focus on the design, engineering, manufacture and sale of school buses and related parts. As the only manufacturer of chassis and body production specifically designed for school bus applications, Blue Bird is recognized as an industry leader for school bus innovation, safety, product quality/reliability/durability, operating costs and drivability. In addition, Blue Bird is the market leader in alternative fuel applications with its propane-powered and Electric school buses. For more information on Blue Bird's complete line of buses, visit [www.blue-bird.com](http://www.blue-bird.com).