Contractor's New Propane Autogas Buses to Service Seattle, Portland Public Schools

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First Student received delivery of 134 new Collins Bus propane autogas school buses to service two school districts in the Pacific Northwest.

The largest provider of student transportation services in North America will use the buses at Seattle Public Schools and Portland Public Schools. The Propane Education & Research Council helped fund the development of the school buses' propane autogas fuel system by CleanFuel USA.

Propane autogas, the third most widely used transportation fuel globally, produces fewer greenhouse gas emissions, smog-producing hydrocarbons and particulates than diesel and gasoline.

"Portland and Seattle have chosen a fuel that is powerful, sustainable and domestic, so these cities will enjoy cleaner air and quieter streets, all while using an abundant American fuel," said Tucker Perkins, PERC chief business development officer.

In the United States, there are more than 2,500 propane autogas refueling stations and 130,000 propane autogas-fueled vehicles in the U.S. Nearly 97 percent of the propane autogas consumed in the nation is produced in North America.