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City of Schenectady Partners with City School
District on Shared Fuel Services

Taxpayers to Save up to \$7,500 per year as District Vehicles Fill Up at City Garage Fuel Station

SCHENECTADY - Mayor Brian U. Stratton, Schenectady City Schools Superintendent Eric Ely, and City Councilman Tom Della Sala today joined with city and school district officials to announce a shared services agreement under which the school district will begin fueling its vehicles at the city's fueling station on Foster Avenue, greatly reducing the cost of annual fuel purchasing for the School District and saving city taxpayers between \$5,000 and \$7,500 dollars per year.

“Joint fueling of city and school district vehicles is a common-sense solution to the need to reduce the cost of government for Schenectady taxpayers on every level,” Mayor Stratton said. We welcome our continued partnership with the School District and the opportunity to work together on savings, while making our city and school operations more efficient and effective.”

School Superintendent Eric Ely said, “On behalf of the school district, I welcome this exciting opportunity to partner with Mayor Stratton and our city. This is an important first step that we hope will lead to many more opportunities to work together. We are grateful to the Mayor and his team as we all remain committed to exploring every avenue that will help us provide savings to our taxpayers during these difficult fiscal times.”

The agreement, which allows the school district to take advantage of the state contract price on fuel, is largely the result of the efforts of City Councilman Tom Della Sala, a retired Schenectady school teacher who suggested that the city explore opportunities for shared services and cost savings with the school district. From there, City Commissioner of General Services Carl Olsen and Signal Superintendent John Coluccio met with Michael San Angelo, Assistant Superintendent for Business from the school district, to discuss areas where sharing services would make sense.

Councilman Della Sala said, “This partnership is something I've been working on since I joined the Council, and I'm glad to see it's finally starting.”

Commissioner Olsen says that the city and the school district officials are continuing to explore other areas where services could be shared, including plowing, waste collection and construction projects.

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