



## VISTA HERITAGE GLOBAL ACADEMY INTRODUCES VYV'S ANTIMICROBIAL LIGHTING INSIDE SCHOOL BUSES IN ORANGE COUNTY

*Newly Protected School Buses Roll Out for the Return to In-person School August 9*

**SANTA ANA, Calif. (August 3, 2021)** — With an eye toward student safety and the return to in-person learning, Vista Heritage Global Academy Principal, **Dr. Collin Felch**, announced the installation of Vyv antimicrobial LED technology that continuously cleans the surfaces in its school's buses by killing\* viruses, bacteria, and other microbes.

Vyv, the health-tech industry leader and pioneer of UV-free antimicrobial LED technology that meet international standards for continuous and unrestricted use around people, has been proven effective against viruses, bacteria, mold, fungi, and yeast, according to more than a decade of research and study.

Vista Heritage Global Academy, a charter school located in Santa Ana, is the first school in the state to embed Vyv's groundbreaking antimicrobial technology inside its school buses.

"Implementing new antimicrobial lighting in our buses takes full advantage of state-of-the-art technology available to us to protect our students and staff," Dr. Felch said. "In education, safety always comes first, and this unique approach to creating cleaner spaces is another critical step to ensuring our children are learning and thriving in a healthy, safe educational environment at Vista Heritage."

The lights were installed on the buses by Aktonit, a California-based sustainability company, in time for the first day of the 2021-22 academic year August 9. Vyv's visible light technology, which utilizes light in the 405-nanometer wavelength (outside the UV light spectrum), is designed to meet and exceed international standards for continuous and unrestricted use 24/7 around people, pets, and plants.

"At Vyv, our goal is to protect as many people as possible," said **Colleen Costello**, Vyv's co-founder and CEO. "We're proud to partner with Dr. Felch, Vista Heritage and Orange County in their commitment to offer continuous environmental protection for their students' well-being, and to bring some more comfort for parents and staff as our world faces very real challenges against this current pandemic and the continued growth of antibacterial resistant superbugs."

In addition to many configurations of overhead LED lighting, Vyv's technology is quickly being adopted inside new products and applications like Delta Air Lines' 757 lavatories, Broan-NuTone's SurfaceShield bathroom ventilation fans, Safety 1<sup>st</sup> Stay Clean nursery humidifiers, Brilli bathroom vanity lights, Eastern Tabletop's CleanOhr banquet and buffet equipment and inside the many brands of Middleby food processing and foodservices equipment, with dozens of new antimicrobial products making their way to market.

## **ABOUT VISTA HERITAGE GLOBAL ACADEMY**

VHGA is a charter school originally founded in 2015 with the intention of transforming the school experience, meeting the evolving needs of students in Santa Ana, and ensuring that every child in attendance receives a rich, individualized, rigorous and joyous education that prepares him or her to be college and career-ready as a productive and successful global citizen rich in humanity. VHGA is one of four schools operated by Vista Charter Public Schools, Inc.

## **ABOUT AKTONIT**

Aktonit LLC provides on-the-ground expertise in Southern California for the installation of Vyv lighting products in educational facilities and vehicles, among many other applications. Aktonit is a health, wellness, and sustainability company – your catalyst to a sustainable future. For more information, visit [www.aktonitllc.com](http://www.aktonitllc.com).

## **ABOUT VYV**

Vyv, a health-tech company, is the creator of a new kind of continuous cleaning protection using light that meets international standards for continuous and unlimited use around people in homes, public places and across many diverse industries. Vyv, formerly Vital Vio, offers its proprietary UV-free antimicrobial LED technology to create a new kind of clean environments that are fundamentally inhospitable to the growth and survival of viruses, bacteria, fungi, yeast, mold, and mildew. As antimicrobial overhead lighting, Vyv replaces existing and new lighting in homes, factories, offices, healthcare facilities, transportation, food processing and foodservices, and many other places. Vyv technology is also ideal for embedding inside commercial and consumer products and applications. For more information, visit [vyv.tech](http://vyv.tech).

*\*Testing on a non-enveloped virus (MS2 bacteriophage) showed a 99.985% reduction in controlled laboratory testing in 6 hours on hard surfaces. MRSA and E. coli showed 90%+ reduction in controlled laboratory testing in 24 hours on hard surfaces. Results may vary depending on the amount of light that is reaching the surfaces in the space where the product is installed and the length of time of exposure. Use of Vyv antimicrobial light is not intended to replace manual cleaning.*

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