

## **Comment 1 for Lower-Emissions School Bus Program Guidelines and the Allocation of 2005-2006 (schoolbus06) - Non-Reg.**

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Affiliation: Colton Joint Unified School District

Subject: Clean School Bus Comments - Please Allow Bus Trading Within the SCAQMD  
Comment:

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Rick Feinstein and I am the Director of Transportation for the Colton Joint Unified School District (CJUSD). Our District resides in the South Coast Air Quality Management District and we are subject to the SCAMD's fleet rules.

The CJUSD educates 25,000 students within a 48 square mile area in the Inland Empire. Our District includes the communities of Bloomington, Colton, Grand Terrace, and portions of Fontana, Loma Linda, Rialto, Riverside County, San Bernardino City and San Bernardino County areas. Colton operates a fleet of school buses that provide over 3,000,000 annual passenger trips and we travel approximately one million miles each year.

Colton was one of the first Districts to purchase CNG school buses within the South Coast basin and before any fleet rules or significant funding grants were made available, we converted about 20% of our fleet to CNG. In fact, it is school districts like Colton that tested the technology and helped prove the viability of CNG for school bus operations. And CNG is a viable option for operations with on-site fueling capabilities.

With the support of our Administration, School Board and subsequent funding grant opportunities through the AQMD and other agencies, we have moved aggressively toward the goal of replacing 100% of our bus fleet with CNG. The CJUSD now has the largest CNG school bus fleets within the Inland Empire. We have 43 buses or 84% of our daily bus routes using CNG. I think it's important to note that we have not relied solely on grants. To date, our District has spent approximately \$3,000,000 of our District funds towards this endeavor. Those were funds that could have been used in the classroom, but our School Board also understands the need to provide cleaner school buses for the health of our students, employees and the public.

I'm writing today for three main reasons:

1) To express our support for the Clean School Bus Program that you are considering for approval.

2) To urge you to allow School Districts who operate their own buses within the SCAQMD to trade buses for this program.

For a variety of reasons, some school District bus operations are either unable or choose not to apply for grant funding opportunities, while others have made significant progress reducing their fleet emissions.

By allowing Districts to trade post-1987 buses, the operations that are willing and already have the needed infrastructure in place can expedite the placement of lower-emission buses into service and continue the forward progress needed to improve the overall statewide fleet.

For example, Colton and Fontana Unified School District recently made a trade with the last lower-emission grant program through the SCAQMD. Fontana crushed three 1960's Crown buses, received three 1988 buses from Colton and Colton purchased three new CNG buses with the grant money.

Without the funding, Colton would not have been able to purchase the buses and we would have continued to operate those 1988 diesel buses. Without the trading opportunity, Fontana would have continued to operate some of the oldest, most polluting buses in the State.

Either way, the net results are the same: three dirty and less safe buses now off the road. It was a win-win for Colton, Fontana, SCAQMD, parents, students and the general public.

Therefore, I urge you to permit the SCAQMD to allow District trading opportunities for this and any future lower-emission grant programs CARB provides.

3) To encourage you to continue with your efforts to reduce diesel pollution exposure - especially for children. I know the future may bring changes to the programs that govern lower-emission programs. But regardless, there are so many benefits when you send your

resources in our direction and those benefits can't always be measured by a cost per ton ratio.

Rick Feinstein

Director of Transportation

Colton Joint Unified School District

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**Comment 2 for Lower-Emissions School Bus Program Guidelines and the Allocation of 2005-2006 (schoolbus06) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Joseph

Last Name: Bjerke

Email Address: Non-web submitted comment

Affiliation: Clovis Unified School District

Subject: February 23 Board Meeting, Level 1 Verified Devices

Comment:

See attached letter for comment.

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**Comment 3 for Lower-Emissions School Bus Program Guidelines and the Allocation of 2005-2006 (schoolbus06) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Joseph

Last Name: Bjerke

Email Address: joebjerke@cusd.com

Affiliation: Clovis Unified School District

Subject: School buses in the Fleet Modernization component of the Carl Moyer Program

Comment:

Clovis Unified School District strongly supports the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control Districts proposal to consider school buses in the Fleet Modernization component of the Carl Moyer program. We request that the ARB staff bring this to the board during the Lower Emission School Bus presentation later this week for review and ask for the boards approval. The SJVAPCD has always supported the Lower Emission School Bus program which helps to reduce inside compartment diesel emissions with the purchase of new clean burning school buses. Without this support, money strapped school districts through out our region would no longer be able to purchase new school buses. The offsetting dollars that this funding program has provided in the past, has allowed school districts the opportunity of replacing these older more polluting diesel school buses with new clean burning school buses. It is the right thing to do for our kids.

Thank you,

Joseph K. Bjerke

Director of Transportation

Clovis Unified School District

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**Comment 4 for Lower-Emissions School Bus Program Guidelines and the Allocation of 2005-2006 (schoolbus06) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Bill

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Affiliation: Wasco Union School District

Subject: Carl Moyer Program

Comment:

I would like to state to the ARB that I support the SJVAPCD proposal to consider school buses in the fleet modernization componet of the Carl Moyer Program. These funds are much needed in our district. Thank you for your consideration on this issue.

Bill Ross

Director of M.O.T.

Wasco Union School District

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**Comment 5 for Lower-Emissions School Bus Program Guidelines and the Allocation of 2005-2006 (schoolbus06) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Sam

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Affiliation: Madera Unified School District

Subject: Lower Emissions School Bus Program

Comment:

Mr. Chairman and governing board,

I am writing to you today to plead with you please include a mechanism for school bus replacement funding in the Moyer program. As I am sure you well know, the level of funding currently available represents only about 15% of the total cost of a new school bus. This level of funding prohibits most, if not all districts from replacing these old highly polluting school buses. Science now tells us that children are more susceptible to the health impacts of PM 10. We need your help and support for the health and future of our school age children who ride these old highly polluting school buses on a daily basis. Thank you for your consideration,  
Sam Armentrout, Director of Transportation, MUSD

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**Comment 6 for Lower-Emissions School Bus Program Guidelines and the Allocation of 2005-2006 (schoolbus06) - Non-Reg.**

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Affiliation: Kings Canyon Unified S.D.

Subject: Letter of Support for SJVAPCD position on school bus replacement

Comment:

Attached is my letter of support for San Joaquin Valley APCD request for consideration for Inclusion of School Bus Replacement Projects in the Fleet Modernization Component of the Carl Moyer Air Quality Standards Attainment Program

Discussion During 2/24/06 ARB Board Meeting Item 06-2-2

My two page letter is attached in the zip file below should you be unable to open it contact me at 559-351-6984.

Attachment: 'www.arb.ca.gov/lists/schoolbus06/10-kings\_canyon\_arb\_sb\_ltr.zip'

Original File Name: Kings Canyon ARB SB Ltr.zip

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**Comment 7 for Lower-Emissions School Bus Program Guidelines and the Allocation of 2005-2006 (schoolbus06) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Ed

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Affiliation:

Subject: Lower Emitting School Bus Agenda Item for 2-23-06

Comment:

Please see attached.

Attachment: 'www.arb.ca.gov/lists/schoolbus06/12-carb\_board\_meeting\_comments\_2-21-06.doc'

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**Comment 8 for Lower-Emissions School Bus Program Guidelines and the Allocation of 2005-2006 (schoolbus06) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Terry

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Affiliation: Visalia Unified School District

Subject: Moyer School Bus Fleet Modernization

Comment:

Dear Dr. Sawyer:

I concur with the letter that was sent to you from Seyed Sadedin, Deputy Executive Director, APCD dated February 16, 2006. All concerns along with the five changes to the Fleet Modernization component is imperative for Districts in SJVUAPCD to be able to afford replacing our old, high -polluting buses.

I strongly urge you to reconsider and adopt these important changes.

Terry White, Director of Administrative Services

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**Comment 9 for Lower-Emissions School Bus Program Guidelines and the Allocation of 2005-2006 (schoolbus06) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Bradley

Last Name: Edgar

Email Address: Non-web submitted comment

Affiliation: Cleaire Advanced Emission Controls

Subject: Comment for 2005-2006 School Bus Guidelines

Comment:

See attached letter.

Attachment: 'www.arb.ca.gov/lists/schoolbus06/14-schoolbus06-9.pdf'

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**Comment 10 for Lower-Emissions School Bus Program Guidelines and the Allocation of 2005-2006 (schoolbus06) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Seyed

Last Name: Sadredin

Email Address: Non-web submitted comment

Affiliation: SJVAPCD

Subject: Inclusion of School Bus Replacement Projects in Fleet Modernization Component...

Comment:

See attached letter.

Attachment: 'www.arb.ca.gov/lists/schoolbus06/15-schoolbus06-10.pdf'

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**Comment 1 for Lower-Emissions School Bus Program Guidelines and the Allocation of 2005-2006 (schoolbus06). (At Hearing)**

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Subject: Written Submission for 06-2-2 School Bus Guidelines

Comment:

Please see attached zip file.

Attachment: [www.arb.ca.gov/lists/schoolbus06/16-schoolbus06-ws-1.zip](http://www.arb.ca.gov/lists/schoolbus06/16-schoolbus06-ws-1.zip)

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**Comment 2 for Lower-Emissions School Bus Program Guidelines and the Allocation of 2005-2006 (schoolbus06). (At Hearing)**

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Subject: Written Submission for 06-2-2 School Bus Guidelines

Comment:

Please see attached document.

Attachment: [www.arb.ca.gov/lists/schoolbus06/17-schoolbus06-ws-2.pdf](http://www.arb.ca.gov/lists/schoolbus06/17-schoolbus06-ws-2.pdf)

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**Comment 3 for Lower-Emissions School Bus Program Guidelines and the Allocation of 2005-2006 (schoolbus06). (At Hearing)**

First Name: Claudia

Last Name: Sherril

Email Address: Non-web submitted comment

Affiliation: Elk Grove Unified School District

Subject: Written Submission for 06-2-2 School Bus Guidelines

Comment:

Please see attached document.

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