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TO: School Superintendent/Transportation Director

SUBJECT: PUBLIC WORKSHOPS TO DISCUSS LOWER-EMISSION SCHOOL BUS PROGRAM APPLICATION

The California Air Resources Board (ARB) and the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA) invite you to participate in a series of public workshops to discuss the Lower-Emission School Bus Program. The Lower-Emission School Bus Program provides incentive grants to reduce school children's exposure to harmful pollutants through new bus purchases and through the installation of retrofit technologies on existing buses.

At the workshops, ARB will provide a program overview and discuss the application process and available technologies for retrofits. The workshop will also provide an opportunity to meet with vendors and to receive application assistance. Workshop materials will be available prior to the workshops at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/schoolbus/schoolbus.htm>.

To RSVP or to receive further information about the workshops, contact the Lower Emission School Bus Program Support line at (415) 677-7160 or SchoolBusInfo@ICFI.com. Please RSVP prior to October 10, 2008.

The workshops will be held at the following locations:

<p>Redding</p> <p>DATE: Tuesday, October 14, 2008 TIME: 11:00am - 1:00pm PLACE: Shasta County Administration Center Training Room 1450 Court Street, Room# 352 Redding, California 96001</p>	<p>Santa Maria</p> <p>DATE: Thursday, October 16, 2008 TIME: 10:00am - 12:00pm PLACE: Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room 511 E. Lakeside Parkway Santa Maria, California 93455</p>
<p>El Monte</p> <p>DATE: Monday, October 20, 2008 TIME: 11:00am - 1:00pm PLACE: California Air Resources Board 9480 Telstar Avenue, Suite 4 El Monte, California 91731</p>	<p>Sacramento*</p> <p>DATE: Wednesday, October 22, 2008 TIME: 11:00am - 1:00pm PLACE: California Air Pollution Control Officers Association Office 980 Ninth Street, 2nd Floor Sacramento, California 95814</p>
<p>El Centro</p> <p>DATE: Tuesday, October 21, 2008 TIME: 6:00pm - 8:00pm PLACE: Imperial County Offices 150 South 9th Street El Centro, California 92243</p>	

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.

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For those unable to attend in person, a live internet broadcast (webex) will be available at our Sacramento workshop on October 22; however, the remaining workshops will not be webcast. Specific details on the webcast will be provided on the ARB website.

Information about the Lower-Emission School Bus Program can be found at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/schoolbus/schoolbus.htm> .

If you need disability-related accommodation, please go to: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/html/ada/ada.htm>, or contact the ADA Coordinator at (916) 323-4916.

If you are a person who needs assistance in a language other than English, please go to: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/as/eo/languageaccess.htm>, or contact the Bilingual Coordinator at (916) 323-7053.

Sincerely,

/s/

Robert H. Cross, Chief
Mobile Source Control Division