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TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS AN UPDATE TO THE BOARD ON
THE SCHOOL BUS POPULATION IN CALIFORNIA AND STEPS FOR
FURTHER EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS FROM SCHOOL BUSES

The Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) invites you to participate in a public workshop regarding emissions from the school bus fleet in the State of California. Staff will discuss the following:

- The latest estimates of the statewide population of school buses, including the number, age, and emissions controls installed on the buses based on results of a recent survey.
- Existing and potential funding sources available.
- Possible strategies to clean up the California school bus fleet.

The workshop will be held at the following location and time:

Date: Friday, November 4, 2016
Time: 9:30 am to 12:30 pm
Location: Cal EPA Building
 Coastal Hearing Room, 2nd Floor
 1001 I Street
 Sacramento, CA 95812

Directions: <http://goo.gl/maps/x1iswHHwiJT2>

A copy of the presentation and other workshop materials will be available prior to the workshop on the Lower Emission School Bus Program (LESBP) webpage at:
<http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/schoolbus/schoolbus.htm>

This workshop will be available through GoToWebinar for those unable to attend in person. Stakeholders participating via webinar can submit comments and questions to staff during the workgroup meeting by using the chat function on the GoToWebinar navigation panel. Webinar pre-registration and computer system requirements are also available on the LESBP webpage.

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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Background

The primary goal of ARB's Lower-Emission School Bus Program (LESBP) is to reduce school children's exposure to both cancer-causing and smog-forming pollution. The program provides grant funding for new, safer school buses and to put air pollution control equipment (such as retrofit devices) on buses that are already on the road. Through the LESBP, and in coordination with other sources of statewide and local funding, ARB and California's local air districts have invested millions of dollars toward controlling harmful emissions from school buses.

At the June 2016 Board Hearing, the Board requested that staff provide an update on the California school bus population, along with a plan for the cleanup of remaining dirty school buses in the state. Staff expects to fulfill the Board's request with an informational update at the January 2017 Board Hearing. This workshop will enable staff to gather public input and will be used to provide the update and recommendations requested by the Board.

Contact

For questions about this workshop, please contact Ms. Danielle Chambers, Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 323-0027 or via email at danielle.chambers@arb.ca.gov.

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Sincerely,

/s/

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