


To: Jim Provenza, Chair  
and Members of the Board of Directors

From: Mat Ehrhardt, P.E., Executive Director/APCO 

Date: November 10, 2021

**Subject: AB 923 Funds – Clean School Bus Program Incentive Increase**

**Recommended Action**

Approve increasing the maximum incentive amount for the Clean School Bus Program from \$165,000 to \$200,000 for electric school bus replacements.

**Background**

The District receives AB 923 funds through a surcharge on motor vehicle registration fees for vehicles registered in the District. In 2006, the District Board directed staff to use these funds to implement a program to assist school districts with complying with State regulations governing school buses. Staff developed a Clean School Bus program to replace and retrofit all qualifying school buses in our District. After the District's Clean School Bus Program had brought all school district bus fleets into compliance, the District Board directed staff to direct additional AB 923 funding towards the replacement of off-road agricultural equipment and qualifying municipal fleet vehicles until the Clean School Bus Program was reopened in 2016.

District staff has been working since 2016 to coordinate with school district and other funding sources to ensure maximum funding for new EV bus purchases. When the program reopened the maximum incentive amount for District funding was set at \$165,000 for the replacement of a standard diesel bus with an electric bus. The cost-effectiveness updates to Carl Moyer in 2017 as well as the 2015 LESBP guidance increased the maximum incentive amount in these programs to approximately \$400,000 for a standard diesel to electric replacement project.

**Budget Impacts**

This would not have an impact on the budget but would slightly reduce the number of projects that could be funded. However, this would be offset but the ability to increase funding for school districts who apply to the program.

**Other Agency Involvement**

The District will conduct additional outreach and complete a needs assessment with school districts to develop an updated school bus inventory and a long-range schedule for bus replacement within the district.