

# Air Aware



**YOLO-SOLANO**  
AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Quarterly Newsletter

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Welcome to the Fall Edition of the Air Aware Newsletter! As temperatures drop and days shorten, the District is working hard to keep that crisp fall air as clean as can be.

In this issue, we're diving into exciting air quality projects across the District, sharing simple Back to School tips to reduce emissions, and spotlighting the national Week Without Driving campaign. Plus, don't miss our fun contest for California Clean Air Day—let's make a difference together!

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### Mat Ehrhardt Bike Lane



The Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District is proud to announce the dedication of a new bike lane to honor the late Mat Ehrhardt, who served the Air District with distinction for over two decades. The Mat Ehrhardt Bike Lane is located on a **2.5-mile section of Pedrick Road just south of the Pedrick Road Bridge**. This significant addition to the active transportation network in the region was constructed by Solano County Resource Management with assistance from the Air District's Clean Air Funds.

On Thursday, July 18th, a dedication event was held to commemorate the new bike lane. Mat Ehrhardt's family, the Air District Board of Directors and staff, along with other local officials, gathered to honor his legacy. During the event, the sign for the Mat Ehrhardt Bike Lane was unveiled to the public. Mat Ehrhardt's family participated in the unveiling and expressed their gratitude to the community for honoring his legacy and dedication to improving air quality.

The newly unveiled Mat Ehrhardt Bike Lane is now open to the public and stands as a lasting tribute to Ehrhardt's commitment to clean air and active transportation. The Air District is proud to honor his memory and his significant contributions to air quality management and community health.

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# Electric School Bus Unveiling

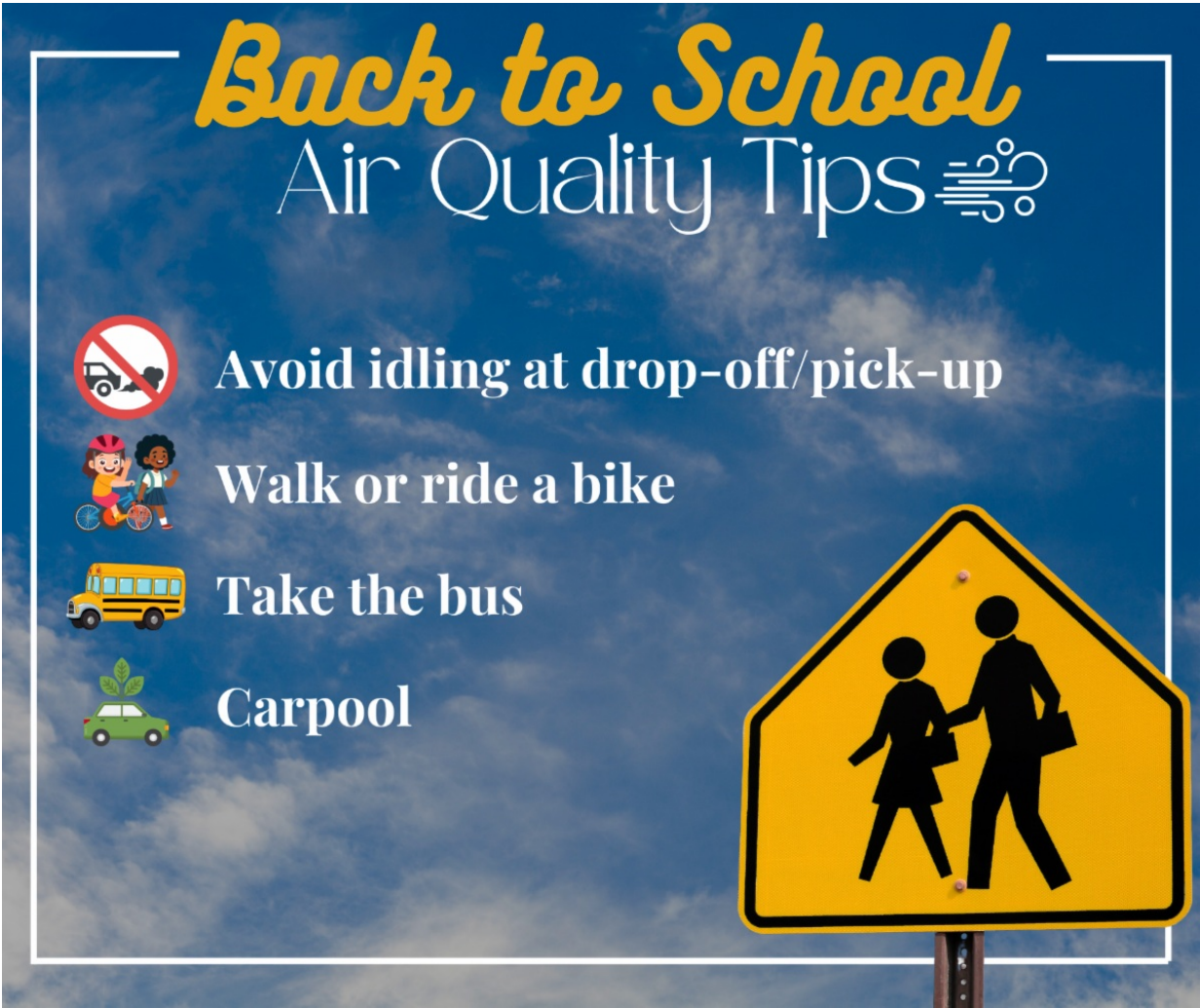


The District is thrilled to announce the unveiling of **four new zero-emission electric school buses** for the Esparto Unified School District. The replacement of four outdated diesel-powered school buses with zero-emission electric models was made possible through several Air District grants and incentive programs.

The benefits to the community are substantial. Diesel school buses emit fine particulates and other pollutants that contribute to the formation of ground-level ozone, a harmful air pollutant. Diesel exhaust from idling school buses can accumulate around the buses and pose a health risk, particularly to children. When buses idle in drop-off zones, the exhaust can also pollute the air inside school buildings, affecting children's health throughout the day. Prolonged exposure to ozone can lead to serious health impacts, similar to giving your lungs a sunburn. By replacing diesel school buses with electric vehicles, all tailpipe emissions are eliminated, thereby significantly improving air quality.

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## Back to School Air Quality Tips



With the return to school, here are some great tips to help reduce emissions!

- 1. ☐ **Avoid idling at drop-off/pick-up:** Turn off your engine to prevent unnecessary emissions and keep the air cleaner around schools.
- 2. ☐ **Walk or ride a bike:** It's a fun way to get to school while reducing



- your carbon footprint and avoiding vehicle pollution.
3. ☐ **Take a bus:** The average school bus *takes about 36 cars off the road*. This reduction in vehicles helps lower traffic congestion and significantly cuts emissions.
  4. ☐ **Carpool:** Sharing a ride means fewer vehicles, cutting down on overall emissions and improving air quality for everyone!

## Week Without Driving



# WEEK WITHOUT DRIVING

**Join us in advocating for  
communities that are  
accessible for everyone**

**Monday, September 30 –  
Sunday, October 6, 2024**



**WeekWithoutDriving.org**

The national [Week Without Driving](#) shines a light on what life could be like with fewer cars on the road, encouraging everyone to explore alternative transportation options like walking, biking, and public transit. By reducing car use, we can significantly lower emissions, improve air quality, and create healthier communities.

## California Clean Air Day Contest

Are YOU ready to show us YOUR clean air action? Then, participate in the District's California Clean Air Day Contest! On October 2nd, the state of California celebrates California Clean Air Day. This day is all about reflecting on the importance of air quality and how each of us plays a role in protecting it for the future. Head over to [our Facebook page](#) to enter—we want to see YOUR clean air action, and you could win one of three Amazon gift cards!



# Show Us Your Clean Air Action!



Biking to work on **#CaliforniaCleanAirDay** to help reduce emissions!



**#CaliforniaCleanAirDay** is a great day to try out the bus and improve local air quality.

**Comment on this post with**

01. Picture of your Clean Air Action
02. Short Description

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**WIN UP TO  
\$30!**



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