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## Air District awards \$1.18 million to San Ramon Valley Unified School District for new EV school buses, charging infrastructure

**SAN FRANCISCO** – The Bay Area Air District has awarded \$1.18 million grant to the San Ramon Valley Unified School District to replace seven older school buses, five compressed natural gas buses and two diesel buses with zero-emission electric buses and the charging infrastructure to support them. The project will also support the installation of eight DC fast chargers and related infrastructure.

"Transitioning from natural gas and diesel school buses to clean, electric buses will reduce harmful emissions and provide students with a healthier ride to school," said Dr. Philip Fine, executive officer of the Air District. "This project highlights the Air District's commitment to investing in clean transportation and healthier air for our communities."

"We are grateful for this grant and excited about what it means for our students and community," said CJ Cammack, superintendent of the San Ramon Valley Unified School District. "Replacing many of our diesel and compressed natural gas buses with new EV buses will bring significant financial savings, reduce our environmental impact and allow us to retire the oldest vehicles in our fleet. This is an important step forward in building a cleaner, more sustainable future."

Children are especially vulnerable to the health effects of air pollution, which can trigger asthma, respiratory illness and other long-term health problems. By replacing older diesel and natural gas buses with zero-emission models, schools can reduce greenhouse gas emissions, lower exposure to harmful pollutants, and provide a quieter, cleaner ride that supports both student health and climate goals.

Funding for this project comes from the California Air Resources Board's Carl Moyer Program, which provides financial incentives to replace or upgrade heavy-duty vehicles and equipment to reduce harmful emissions, and is administered locally by the Air District.

For more information about the Bay Area Air District's grant and incentive programs, visit baaqmd.gov/grants.

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