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## **Air District allocates \$1.3 million to improve air quality in West Contra Costa County schools**

*School air filtration program will deliver clean air retrofits in up to 14 schools*

**SAN FRANCISCO** – The Bay Area Air District Board of Directors approved allocating \$4 million in Community Air Protection Incentives funding to support home and school air filtration programs in Bay Area communities at their June 4 meeting. As part of this initiative, the Air District Board authorized up to \$1.3 million of upgrades in public schools in Richmond, North Richmond, San Pablo and Tara Hills. An additional \$1.7 million will be used to expand air filtration upgrades in schools in Bayview-Hunters Point in San Francisco and \$1 million will be allocated to the Air District's Home Air Filtration program.

"These upgrades will provide safer, healthier classrooms, which are essential to student learning and well-being," said Dr. Philip Fine, executive officer of the Air District. "This action reflects our agency's commitment to environmental justice by reducing exposure to air pollution for some of our most vulnerable populations."

This investment will deliver high-efficiency air filtration retrofits and five years of filter replacements in up to 14 public schools in Richmond, North Richmond, San Pablo and Tara Hills, at no cost to the West Contra Costa Unified School District. This work builds on previous upgrades already completed by the Air District at Washington, Dover, Riverside and King elementary schools.

"This investment in clean indoor air for our students is the result of listening and responding to community voices to provide the health benefits that our children deserve," said Contra Costa County Supervisor and Air District Board Member John Gioia, who represents the West Contra Costa area. "It reflects our commitment to environmental justice and to improving children's health, especially in communities disproportionately burdened by air pollution."

"We are grateful for this partnership with the Bay Area Air District," said Dr. Kim Moses, interim superintendent of the West Contra Costa Unified School District. "Investments like this strengthen our schools and help us create healthier learning environments where students can thrive. We deeply value the continued support of our local and regional partners."

The School Air Filtration Program directly supports Strategy 4, Action 4.2 of the Richmond-North Richmond-San Pablo Community Emissions Reduction Plan, or Path to Clean Air, developed in collaboration with the Community Steering Committee, local residents and community partners through the Community Air Protection Program. School selection was informed by the Richmond-North Richmond-San Pablo CERP, CSC, California Air Resources Board and the Air District.

The [Bay Area Air District](#) is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality in the nine-county Bay Area. Connect with the Air District via [X/](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#).



Community Air Protection Incentives is part of [California Climate Investments](#), a statewide initiative that puts billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment, particularly in disadvantaged communities.

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