

Subject: Reducing GHG Emissions

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For purposes of making any reduction suggestions more credible to the public, I would **strongly** suggest that the state address the enormous issue of the pollution caused by public school transportation departments and the thousands of buses running routes twice daily to transport school children.

The issue of school bus pollution is a very visible one. No matter how many viable (but invisible) measures are adopted by the ARB, the clouds of diesel exhaust put out by school buses will continue to be perceived as daily evidence that the state is NOT serious about reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

To date, schools have been exempted from environmental protection requirements -- a poor message to send to hundreds of thousands of students. Schools only recycle the thousands of tons of paper they produce if the administration feels like it. Jurisdictions cannot compel them to participate in waste reduction. It would be a shame if school transportation districts are also allowed to ignore this ongoing, daily contribution to air pollution and climate degradation.

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