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TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: PUBLIC WORKSHOPS TO DISCUSS PROPOSED GUIDELINES FOR
 THE LOWER-EMISSION SCHOOL BUS PROGRAM

Dear Sir/Madam:

The ARB received an allocation in the 2000/2001 Budget of \$50 million to establish a Lower-Emission School Bus Program. The ARB staff, in cooperation with the California Energy Commission, is developing guidelines for this program that will provide criteria for the purchase of new school buses and retrofits of existing school buses to reduce emissions. The goal of the program is to replace or retrofit older buses that do not meet current minimum safety standards with safe and clean new buses. This will reduce school children's exposure to diesel emissions.

ARB staff will conduct two public workshops to discuss the development of guidelines for the Lower-Emission School Bus Program. We are soliciting input from all interested parties on how the program should be structured. The public workshops will be held at the public meetings listed below.

DATE: Monday, September 18, 2000
TIME: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
PLACE: California Air Resources Board
 Board Hearing Room
 2020 L Street
 Sacramento, California 95814

DATE: Thursday, September 21, 2000
TIME: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
PLACE: California Air Resources Board
 Auditorium
 9530 Telstar Avenue
 El Monte, California 91731

Staff is currently developing an outline for the Lower-Emission School Bus Program. We expect to have a draft outline of the program guidelines approximately two weeks

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before the workshop. Copies of the outline may be obtained from the Board's Public Information Office, 2020 L Street, Sacramento, California 95814, (916) 322-2990.

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The outline and this notice will also be available electronically on ARB's website at www.arb.ca.gov. Further inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to Jose Gomez, Air Resources Engineer, at (916) 323-1384 or jgomez@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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