



## **MEDIA ADVISORY: Largest deployment of electric school buses in the nation taking place in Sacramento**

### **WHAT:**

The Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (AQMD) and its partners will unveil the first of 29 electric school buses, the largest school bus deployment in the United States. The project, funded through California Climate Investments, uses proceeds from the state's cap-and-trade program.

### **WHO:**

- U.S. Congresswoman Doris Matsui
- Senator Richard Pan, District 6
- Assemblymember Kevin McCarty, District 7
- Richard Corey, Executive Officer, California Air Resources Board
- Donald Terry, Sacramento Metropolitan AQMD Chair and Rancho Cordova Mayor
- Dr. Steven Martinez, Superintendent, Twin Rivers Unified School District

### **WHERE:**

Martin Luther King Jr. Technology Academy  
3051 Fairfield Street, Sacramento, 95815

### **WHEN:**

10 a.m. on Friday, May 12, 2017

### **VISUAL OPPORTUNITIES:**

Six of the electric school buses will be on display. Media will be able to get footage/photographs under the hood of an electric school bus. There will also be a ride-along opportunity to experience what it feels like to ride an electric school bus. (Hint: smooth and quiet.) Students from Martin Luther King Jr. Technology Academy will be on hand for the event.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Twenty-nine battery-electric school buses will serve students in three Sacramento County school districts: Sacramento City, Twin Rivers and Elk Grove Unified School Districts. The electric buses' routes run primarily through disadvantaged communities.

The project was funded in part by a \$7.5 million grant through California Climate Investments, a statewide program that puts billions of cap-and-trade dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy and improving public health – particularly in disadvantaged communities.

The first electric buses delivered will serve students in the Twin Rivers Unified School District in northern Sacramento County.

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