



## ELECTRIC SCHOOL BUS INCENTIVES NOW AVAILABLE THROUGH MBCP & MBARD PARTNERSHIP

### \$1.2 Million Program Supports Cleaner Transportation for Local Schools

Monterey, CA. June 9, 2020 – [Monterey Bay Community Power](#) (MBCP) in partnership with the [Monterey Bay Air Resources District](#) (MBARD) today announced its new program incentivizing the purchase of electric buses for public schools within Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz counties. The two agencies share a goal of improving air quality by reducing local greenhouse gas emissions. The Zero Emissions School Bus Program provides school districts with an opportunity to replace diesel school buses with clean running electric buses, reducing overhead costs and improving local air quality while helping to educate students about the benefits of electric vehicles.

“Electrifying school buses is an incredible opportunity to make a meaningful impact in the Monterey Bay by supporting our local students and schools.” shared MBCP CEO, Tom Habashi. “Our partnership with MBARD increases the impact of this important local greenhouse gas reducing transportation electrification program.”

MBCP has allocated a total of \$1.2 million and will provide up to \$200,000 per bus, for a total of six buses, during the current fiscal year. MBARD is set to leverage state funding for the remaining balance of each electric school bus. In addition, MBARD has reserved funding to provide up to \$20,000 for charging infrastructure available to applicants in need of a charging station for their new electric school bus. The program is the first of its kind among Community Choice Aggregators statewide. MBCP and MBARD see their growing partnership as a true example for others to replicate and help further the state’s transportation and climate goals.

“MBARD is proud to collaborate with Monterey Bay Community Power on our Zero Emission School Bus Program. Funding from this this partnership helps transition schools to cleaner transportation thereby improving air quality and the health of our children and the community.” shared Richard Stedman, MBARD Air Pollution Control Officer.

Close to 100 different school districts across the Monterey Bay Region are eligible to benefit from this program. According to MBCP’s Electrification Strategic Plan, each diesel-powered school bus replaced by an electric bus is projected to avoid an estimated 20 metric tons of greenhouse gas

emissions (MTCO<sub>2</sub>e) each year, for an annual program total of 120 MTCO<sub>2</sub>e, [the equivalent of](#) over 132,000 lbs. of coal burned each year. Eligible applicants are public school districts enrolled with MBCP and located within the Counties of Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz. MBARD is set to administer the program and begins accepting applications June 17, 2020 at 10 AM. Learn more here:

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*About: Monterey Bay Community Power is a Community Choice Energy agency established by local communities to source carbon-free electricity for Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz counties in addition to San Luis Obispo and Morro Bay as well as most of San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties starting in 2021. PG&E and SCE continue their traditional role delivering power as well as maintaining electric infrastructure and billing. As a locally controlled public agency, MBCP supports regional economic vitality by sourcing cleaner energy at a lower cost and advancing local energy programs to accelerate electrification, fuel-switching and resiliency. For more information, visit [www.mbc.org](http://www.mbc.org)*

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## Press Release Resources:

Zero Emissions School Bus Program Webpage:

<https://www.mbcommunitypower.org/zero-emissions-school-bus-program/>

Press release webpage with infographics:





[https://www.mbcommunitypower.org/press\\_release/electric-school-bus-program/](https://www.mbcommunitypower.org/press_release/electric-school-bus-program/)

Zero Emissions School Bus Program Infographics in English and Spanish on next page:



# Zero Emissions School Bus Program

A partnership between MBCP & MBARD for a healthier Monterey Bay Region

 <p><b>INCENTIVE</b></p> <p>The program helps ensure school districts can replace diesel school buses with clean running electric buses</p>	 <p><b>FUNDING</b></p> <p>MBCP issued up to \$200k in funding per bus for at least 6 buses. The partnership will fund 100% of the cost and offer up to \$20k for EV infrastructure</p>	 <p><b>CLEAN AIR</b></p> <p>Improves air quality by producing ZERO diesel particulates and thus reducing student exposure to cancer-causing pollutants in diesel exhaust.</p>	 <p><b>REDUCE GHG</b></p> <p>Each diesel school bus replaced by an electric bus will avoid 20 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions (MT-CO<sub>2</sub>e) each year</p>
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Eligible schools are public schools who are MBCP customers and located within the Counties of Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz



## PROGRAMA DE AUTOBUSES ESCOLARES ELÉCTRICOS

Una asociación entre MBCP y MBARD con el fin de crear una región más saludable



### INCENTIVOS

El programa ayudará a asegurar que los distritos escolares tengan la oportunidad de hacer la transición de autobuses tradicionales a autobuses eléctricos.



### FINANCIAMIENTO

MBCP otorgará \$200 mil por autobús y financiará un total de 6 autobuses. La colaboración entre MBCP y MBARD ayudará a financiar 100% del costo total y ofrecerá hasta \$20 mil para la creación de infraestructura eléctrica.



### CALIDAD DEL AIRE

El Programa de Autobuses Escolares Eléctricos ayudará a mejorar la calidad del aire produciendo CERO emisiones de gases de efecto invernadero (GEI) y reducirá la exposición a contaminantes cancerígenos debido al uso de Diesel.



### REDUCIENDO GEI

Cada escuela que reemplaza autobuses escolares con autobuses eléctricos ayudará a reducir 20 toneladas métricas de gases de efecto invernadero anualmente.

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