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## Media Advisory

*Schools, local leaders gather to introduce some of LA's first electric school buses, a student-driven campaign for cleaner air in advance of CA Clean Air Day.*

### What

A press event for California Clean Air Day. Local school leaders and air quality experts will gather at the El Monte Union High School District (EMUHSD) school bus depot to showcase vehicles that are among the first electric school buses in use in LA County, as well as introduce a student-driven campaign to address air quality issues, including the creation of a [90-second EMUHSD Clean Mobility in Schools animation](#) which encourages students to use clean mobility to get to school.

### When

Thursday, September 28, 2023 at 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

### Who

**The following will be available for interviews:**

- Dr. Debra Duardo, Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools
- Dr. Joe Lyou, CEO of Coalition for Clean Air
- Ricardo Padilla, Board President of El Monte Union High School District
- Dr. Edward Zuniga, Superintendent of El Monte Union High School District
- Lena Luna, Grant Lead, Clean Mobility in Schools Pilot Project and EMUHSD Facility & Energy Manager

- Kirk McGinnis, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, EMUHSD—developing Career Technical Education Modules about Clean Energy/Clean Transportation
- Lalo Alcaraz, the artist who created the Taking a Healthy Ride on the Green Side animations
- William Vargas, Transportation Coordinator, who manages the EMUHSD electric bus fleet and charging stations
- Teacher Richard Heilemann and students from the South El Monte High School Sustainability Club

## Where

[El Monte Union High School District Bus Depot, 1003 Durfee Ave., South El Monte, CA 91733](#)

## Details

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### About Coalition for Clean Air

Since 1971, the Coalition for Clean Air has worked to protect public health, improve air quality and prevent climate change in California. With offices in Los Angeles and Sacramento, CCA advocates to ensure every breath you take is a breath of clean air. Learn more at [ccair.org](http://ccair.org).

### About the Clean Mobility in Schools Pilot Project

The Clean Mobility in Schools Pilot Project 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. For more information, visit [emuhsdmobility.com](http://emuhsdmobility.com).