



# SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**October 23: South Coast AQMD and Placentia-Yorba Linda USD to Showcase  
New Electric School Buses**

*An Impact Made to Students, Schools and Air Quality*

**Yorba Linda, CA** – On Wednesday, October 23rd, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) and Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District (USD), will showcase its new electric school buses at Travis Ranch School in Yorba Linda. A total of \$47 million in funding was available to replace older diesel, high-emitting, public school buses with new alternative fuel or zero-emission school buses and reducing student’s exposure to cancer-causing and smog-forming pollution.

On December 3, 2021, the South Coast AQMD Governing Board approved awards to replace a total of 178 diesel buses in the South Coast Air Basin with zero and near-zero emission school buses under the Lower-Emission School Bus Program. As part of these awards, Placentia-Yorba Linda USD received over \$2.7 million to replace seven old diesel school buses with zero-emission electric buses and to install supporting infrastructure. In late 2023, all seven new zero emission electric school buses were successfully delivered, and the newly installed charging stations are fully operational. This project will provide emission reductions of approximately 2.7 tons per year of smog-forming nitrogen oxides and 0.2 ton per year of particulate matter.

The buses will service 15 schools, including Travis Ranch School, Tynes Elementary, Mabel Paine Elementary, Rose Drive Elementary, Wagner Elementary, Venture Academy, Topaz Elementary, El Camino School, Linda Vista Elementary, Morse Elementary, Kraemer Middle School, Valencia High School, Yorba Linda Middle School, El Dorado High School, and Woodsboro Elementary.

Replacing older, high-polluting buses and trucks is an effective way to reduce emissions from mobile sources in the South Coast Air Basin. The Lower-Emission School Bus Program includes both replacement to alternative fuel or zero-emission buses and funding for alternative fueling or charging infrastructure.

**WHO:**

**Dr. Alex Cherniss**, Superintendent of Schools, Placentia-Yorba Linda School District

**Carlos Rodriguez**, Yorba Linda Council Member and South Coast AQMD Governing Board Member

**Richard Jimenez**, Director of Transportation, Placentia-Yorba Linda School District

**WHAT:**

South Coast AQMD’s Lower-Emission School Bus Program provided Placentia-Yorba Linda USD over \$2.7 million to replace seven old diesel school buses with zero-emission electric buses and to install supporting infrastructure. Buses will be showcased at the school.

**WHEN:**

October 23, 2024 (Wednesday)

10:00 a.m.

\*\*Please note, due to the school schedule, this event must begin and end on time. Media should plan to arrive at 9:30 a.m. to allow time for parking and set-up.

**WHERE:**

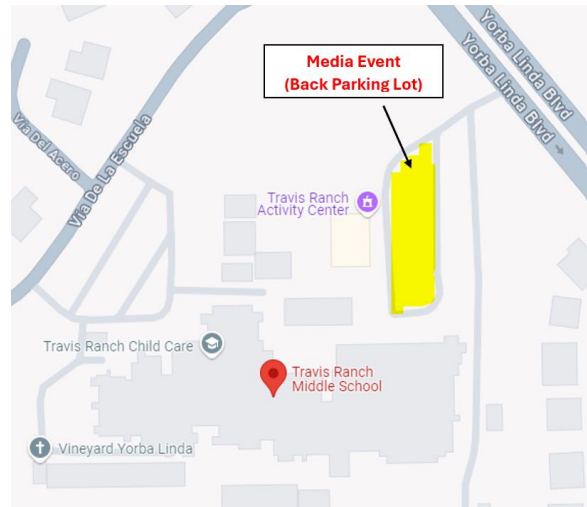
Travis Ranch School (Elementary and Middle School)

5200 Via De La Escuela

Yorba Linda, CA 92887

\*Back parking lot off Yorba Linda Blvd ([Map](#))

*(Event location and parking)*



**VISUALS:**

Media can ride and tour the school buses, speak to students who ride the bus as well as the bus driver on the impact these buses have made on their daily commute. Additionally, Superintendent of Schools and South Coast AQMD board member will be available for interview. Other school executives, school board members and local elected officials will be in attendance. Experts will be on-site to provide technical information.

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**About Placentia-Yorba Linda USD:**

The [Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District](#) is located in northeast Orange County, California. The district serves the cities of Placentia and Yorba Linda as well as portions of Anaheim, Fullerton, and Brea.

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