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Fontana Unified Receives \$3.9 Million Grant to Fund Electric Buses

FONTANA, CA – Fontana Unified will continue efforts to reduce air pollution and transportation energy costs with 10 new electric school buses, thanks in part to a \$3.9 million grant from the California Energy Commission.

The grant will help fund the replacement of 10 diesel buses with 10 electric, zero-emission buses, as well as an electric bus charging infrastructure.

"We are excited to expand our fleet of environmentally friendly transportation," Fontana Unified Superintendent Randal S. Bassett said. "Thank you to the California Energy Commission for supporting us in creating a brighter, cleaner future for Fontana students."

The District added its first two electric buses to its fleet in February 2019, thanks to funding from other local and state agencies. The new buses aim to reduce exposure to smog-forming pollution, reduce costs for fuel, oil and transmission fluid, offer longer use of brakes and decrease bus maintenance costs.

The California Energy Commission announced the grant in 2018 to replace old, public school buses with electric-powered vehicles.

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