SAMPLE LETTER/EMAIL to School district officials – copy and paste and edit from your viewpoint.

Subject: Please [apply to the U.S. EPA Clean School Bus Program to receive funds for zero-tailpipe-emission electric school buses] or [adopt Clean School Buses for our children's health]

Dear [School Board members' names or Superintendent],

We have the opportunity to improve the health of our students with the purchase and use of clean school buses in our district. Students spend 20 minutes to a few hours on a school bus every school day. The air quality inside a diesel bus exceeds surrounding areas by 5 to 10x[1] and it is therefore important to consider the following:

- Exposure to diesel emissions has been shown to negatively impact cognitive and respiratory health in children.[2]
- Diesel exhaust is classified as a carcinogen.[3]
- Children are more susceptible to the harmful effects of diesel emissions.[4]

The EPA's Clean School Bus rebate program can provide up to $345,000 per electric school bus. This is a 5 year, $5 billion federal program to support the conversion of the nation's school bus fleet to cleaner fuel.

[Clean] school buses can cut down on pollution that children and bus drivers breathe while reducing maintenance and operation costs for schools. They've been found to perform well in every type of climate, from Alaska to Arizona, and across different types of terrains.

[Insert reason this issue is particularly important to you, also letter is fine without more if you don't have time!]

The EPA's Clean School Bus rebate program is open until February 14th, 2024. This is an historic opportunity to invest in clean transportation for our kids and we can't let it pass us by!

Thank you for your time,

[your name, address, and school district]

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[1] https://www.ehhi.org/reports/diesel/dieselintro.pdf

[2] https://www.epa.gov/dera/reducing-diesel-emissions-school-buses

[3] https://cpb-us-w2.wpmucdn.com/sites.gsu.edu/dist/f/528/files/2019/08/Bus_EER.pd

[4] https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4835031/