

# NEW MEXICO IS READY FOR NEW, CLEAN, AND QUIET SCHOOL BUSES!



## **HB 75: Electric School Buses can help make electric school buses available and affordable for every New Mexico School District.**

A new federal program is allocating \$5 billion to schools nationwide to replace old, expensive diesel buses with electric buses. With additional funding from the State of New Mexico through the School Bus Modernization Act, students could soon be breathing cleaner air.



### **A Win, Win, Win, Win, Win!**

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Retiring diesel buses in favor of electric buses has big benefits for New Mexico students, teachers, bus drivers, and communities.

- Electric buses let off fewer emissions, which can reduce asthma and other respiratory problems among students, which improves academic achievement.
- Aging diesel buses are expensive to operate, fuel, and maintain. Districts are estimated to save between \$4,000 - \$11,000 per school bus every year with electric buses. These cost savings can go back into the classrooms, directly helping them learn.
- School bus operators and mechanics love them because there are no gears to worry about, and power delivery is smooth with instant response.
- Electric buses have been proven to work in cold and warm climates.
- Because EVs are also nearly silent, drivers can hear more of what's happening in the bus, so students and drivers have safer, quieter rides.
- Electric buses can serve as batteries on the grid, helping utilities meet demand and improving access to chargers in rural New Mexico.