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## **Award Criteria / Options / Infrastructure**

1) Awards should be based simply on the age of the bus along with a current CHP 292. Total vehicle miles could be used for tie breaker or ranking purposes.

Number of students, total annual miles of the bus, re-power dates etc. should not be considered.

2) While I applaud the emphasis on going Electric (I currently have one electric Lion Bus, and have been awarded funds for a 2nd electric bus) some funds should be dedicated to regular low emission diesel buses. Many situations are not conducive to electric (High mileage routes, operating in mountains, most field trips) and alternative fuels are not a realistic option for smaller school districts (availability, storage).

3) Infrastructure costs should be included. This will vary greatly depending on the district. We had adequate power close by. The electrical installation and charging unit cost was just under \$20K. Obviously, the cost increases significantly if power has to be brought in.