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## **Eric Bakke LAUSD Comment School Bus Replacement**

How to distribute funds: In an effort to distribute funds across the state, a regional distribution would make sense. This would ensure each part of the state has an equal opportunity to receive funds. Otherwise, a handful of school districts with large bus counts could gobble up all the money leaving the rest of the state without an opportunity. If you had a clean list of buses from CHP I think you would be able to know where the funds would go and could design an equitable distribution. Absent such a list, you are better off making the program regional. Career Technical Educational programs at CDE operate this way.

How to determine the oldest school buses: One way would be to require each school district, as part of their application, to submit a list of their buses identifying the age of each bus. I would make it a point to let them know that you will be using their list to cross reference against the CHP list. It might help with the "honor system". Any discrepancies, like the ones LAUSD shared with you earlier, could be ironed out during the application process. The program could then target those buses identified as being the oldest in each school district's fleet.

Should the replacement buses be all electric? The PC thing would be to say yes. However, the practical thing would be to say no. The technology is improving, but it isn't there yet to meet the needs we have right now. There are a lot of limitations with electric buses – range being the biggest. Of course, it will depend on the route and the school district. I'm not sure there is a perfect answer to this question.