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AUHSD Adds Electric Buses to our Transportation Fleet September 9, 2019

Anaheim Union High School District continues to show innovation throughout all areas of our District. AUHSD continues to reduce emissions and our carbon footprint. The District has already incorporated two fully electric buses into our fleet. Through the support of the AUHSD Board of Trustees, our Director of Transportation, Matt Thomas, applied for and was awarded a highly competitive grant from South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD). These buses and the corresponding infrastructure (charging stations) were paid for by the SCAQMD at no cost to the District.

The grant included funds for the buses and the electric charging infrastructure. Each bus has air conditioning, seatbelts, a wheelchair ramp, as well as, the Child Checkmate System that is now required on all California school buses. In addition to the thirty-six regular seats, the floor can be reconfigured to carry up to nine wheelchairs with what is called “track seating” which means there are tracks running along the floor for wheelchair straps to secure the

wheelchair. Electric buses are already picking up students in the morning, then returning to the yard to be charged and returning to schools for afternoon drop-offs. These buses have ZERO emissions! This is a wonderful addition to the AUHSD fleet of buses and helps us to do our part to be environmentally responsible.

Additionally, AUHSD has been approved for ten more fully electric buses that are in the process of being ordered. These buses will hold up to ninety students and have a range of up to 120 miles. They will be full-sized forty-foot buses that will all be equipped with air conditioning, and four of the buses will be equipped to transport wheelchairs.

Be on the lookout for these new energy efficient buses on the streets of Anaheim!

