Diesel exhaust contains more than 40 toxic air contaminants – including arsenic, benzene and formaldehyde – and it has been classified by the EPA as a likely carcinogen.

About 95% percent of school buses run on diesel, traveling over 4 billion miles each year.

Up to 26 million children travel on our nation's 480,000 buses back and forth to school each day — spending over 3 billion hours on school buses.

Children riding on diesel buses are exposed to 4 times more air pollutants than the general population.

Diesel exhaust is linked to negative impacts on children's lung growth and academic performance.

Diesel exhaust can cause respiratory illness, chronic respiratory inflammation and trigger asthma attacks.

Children are especially vulnerable to the impacts of diesel pollution because of their developing lungs and higher respiratory rate than that of adults.

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Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper informing your community about the health benefits of electric school buses. Ask school districts to commit to replacing dirty diesel school buses with electric school buses — set a goal of committing to all-electric buses by 2030.

Give a presentation to your school district about electric school buses. As diesel buses are retired, ask them to commit to purchasing electric buses.

Electric school buses have lower operating costs — 19 cents per mile compared to diesel buses at 82 cents per mile. Electric school buses save families money in avoided healthcare expenses resulting from cleaner air. Electric school buses don’t contribute to air pollution, so little lungs breathe easier by avoiding daily exposure to over 40 toxic chemicals.

Take Action!

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