

**CENTRAL UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION # Z-11-14-2022**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE CENTRAL UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
KINGS COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

**IN THE MATTER OF**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DESIGNATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ON BEHALF OF  
THE CENTRAL UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT TO MAKE APPLICATION  
FOR AND TO SIGN CERTAIN ASSURANCES WITH RESPECT TO APPLICATIONS  
FOR LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS, PROJECTS OR GRANTS**

**WHEREAS**, diesel exhaust contains over forty toxic chemicals, including NOx and small particulate matter such as soot, which can penetrate the lungs and enter the bloodstream; and

**WHEREAS**, health risks from diesel fumes include cancer, lung damage, and respiratory diseases such as asthma; and

**WHEREAS**, children riding, waiting, and boarding diesel school buses are exposed to diesel fumes, and a child sitting in the back of a school bus with windows closed is exposed to four times more diesel exhaust than a child riding in a car immediately in front of the same bus; and

**WHEREAS**, diesel pollution exacerbates and can cause childhood asthma, which is a leading chronic illness among California children; and

**WHEREAS**, health issues, such as asthma, directly interfere with students' productivity and success in the classroom, and children with asthmatic conditions miss a disproportionate amount of school compared to their peers; and

**WHEREAS**, nationally, the American School Bus Council (ASBC) estimates that school buses carry 26 million children daily, making it the largest form of mass transit in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, schools can safeguard children from the harmful effects of diesel school bus pollution by transitioning school bus fleets to alternate fuel such as natural gas or electric vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, switching to an alternative fuel vehicles, such as electric buses, eliminates over 20,000 pounds of NOx and over 350 pounds of diesel particulate matter over a 12 year bus lifecycle; and

**WHEREAS**, switching to cleaner school bus technology can reduce inflammation in children's lungs and improve their health, resulting in as many fewer missed school days per year; and

**WHEREAS**, transitioning one diesel school bus to an alternative fuel vehicle, such as electric fuel, reduces overall pollution to the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, alternative fuel vehicles, such as electric school buses, have lower fuel, operating and maintenance costs than diesel school buses; and

**WHEREAS**, local school districts in California have the opportunity to protect the health and welfare of school children while advancing clean energy goals, and recognize that establishing an alternative fuel school bus fleet will help prevent children from developing respiratory diseases such as childhood asthma, while protecting those who already suffer; and

**WHEREAS**, alternative fuel school buses, such as electric buses and the vehicle infrastructure can uniquely support renewable integration with the electric grid; and

**WHEREAS**, Several Local, State and Federal programs allow public and non-profit transportation providers to apply for administration, capital, and operation assistance programs or grants; and





**WHEREAS**, the Central Union Elementary School District Governing Board must authorize someone by resolution, as the "Authorized Individual" to make application and administer the Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust Funds; thus

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the following resolution promotes the District's stance to work toward a healthier environment for its' students and enables the Central Union Elementary School District to provide cleaner transportation for our local community; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Central Union School Elementary School District Governing Board hereby authorizes and directs **Alan Decker**, Transportation Director for Lemoore High School District and representative for the Lemoore Area Schools JPA,

of which the Central Union Elementary District is a member, to make application for, to sign required assurances, and to administer the Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust Funds with respect to applications for Local, State and Federal programs, projects or grants, on behalf of the Central Union Elementary School District

The foregoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Central Union Elementary School District on this 14th day of November 2022, by the following vote:

	AYE	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
 Dale Davidson, Trustee Area 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 Jeffrey Gilcrease, Trustee Area 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 Steven Salefske, Trustee Area 3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 Vacant, Trustee Area 4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 Ceil Howe, III, Trustee Area 5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

I, **Dale Davidson**, Clerk of the Board of Trustees of the Central Union School District, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was regularly introduced, passed and adopted by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held on November 14, 2022.



**Dale Davidson**, Clerk  
Board of Trustees  
Central Union School District  
Kings County, California