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**CENTRAL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT RECEIVES
TWO ALL-ELECTRIC SCHOOL BUSES**

Central Unified School District received two all-electric school buses from the Lion Electric Company and First Priority Greenfleet as part of a \$1.1 million grant from the Measure C New Technology Reserve Program, administered by the Fresno County Transportation Authority. Central Unified also received funding from the California Hybrid and Zero Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project (HVIP).

Measure C is Fresno County's half-cent sales tax, passed by Fresno County voters in 1986 and again in 2006, to generate in excess of \$2 billion for the improvement of transportation systems throughout Fresno County. The all-electric buses will help enable the Region to achieve the Measure C New Technology Reserve Program's goals of improving air quality, reducing energy consumption, and demonstrating the feasibility of new transit technologies.

Each of the new all-electric buses can transport 71 passengers and contains air conditioning, 3-point seatbelts, a child check system and cameras. The buses also have a 100-mile range on a full battery charge.

"At Central Unified, we are grateful to be receiving two of the all-electric buses as part of the Measure C program. These buses will decrease the emissions around our schools and our community as well as lower fuel costs for our daily transportation services. Our students will experience a quieter bus ride due to noise reduction and cleaner air at bus stops and school sites," stated Superintendent Andrew G. Alvarado.

"We are proud to continue to lead the school bus industry in the delivery of 100% zero emission school buses. We welcome Central Unified School Districts to the important mission of providing students with a healthy breathing environment," stated Nate Baggio, Lion's Vice President of Sales. "The experience we have gained over the years has taught us the importance of customer support that starts before delivery and continues throughout the entire lifespan of the vehicle. No one in the market currently has the practical knowledge we have on electric school buses.

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Lion has deployed over 150 zero-emission school buses in North America and recently opened its first Lion Experience Center in Sacramento. The company already started providing EV classes and advanced training to the EV community. The Center will continue to expand as the demand grows.

Central Unified is hosting the media event on behalf of Fresno County Transportation Authority the Lion Electric Company and the City of Sanger. Among those speaking will be Central Unified Superintendent Andrew G. Alvarado, Supervisor Buddy Mendes, who is the chairperson of the Fresno County Transportation Authority, and representatives from Lion Electric Company.

Media are invited to attend, ride the electric buses, and interview our speakers.

- DATE & TIME: Wednesday, January 9, 2019, at 10:30 a.m.
- LOCATION: Central Unified Transportation, 4200 N. Grantland, Fresno, CA 93723
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