

NEW SCHOOL BUSES IN ARIZONA SCHOOLS

In January of 2016, the U.S. Department of Justice filed a lawsuit against Volkswagen for violating the Clean Air Act. The lawsuit resulted in a settlement agreement that allocates dollars in damages to Arizona for projects that will improve Arizona's air quality. The plan must be presented to the settlement trustee prior to distributing the dollars. Governor Ducey's plan for distributing the settlement dollars prioritizes updating school buses across the state.

\$38 Million

The state has developed a plan to distribute \$38 million over the next two years to replace aging school buses at school districts and the Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind.

Eligible Buses

Buses that are at least fifteen years old with over 100,000 miles will be eligible for replacement. Funds will be given to school districts with 60 percent or more students eligible for free or reduced price lunch, primarily in counties which need assistance in meeting federal air quality standards.

Additional Priorities

The plan also includes using funds to purchase new crew carriers to transport the newly-created post-release fire crews, wildland fire engine trucks for the Department of Forestry and Fire Management and for mission-critical equipment for the Department of Transportation.

Estimated New School Buses by County



Apache: 8
Cochise: 9
Coconino: 6
Gila: 8
La Paz: 9
Maricopa: 85
Mohave: 21
Navajo: 12
Pima: 60
Pinal: 30
Yavapai: 18
Yuma: 15

Total: 281 buses

