

More than 36,000 buses carrying an estimated 1.3 million students hit the roads of Texas each school day. A little more than one-third of these buses are more than ten years old. Older vehicles emit more pollution than do newer models. Exposure to diesel exhaust from school buses can aggravate respiratory problems, asthma and allergies.

Texas PTA has partnered for several years with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to improve air quality for Texas youth. This is accomplished by directing penalty monies from a TCEQ enforcement action to school districts to help these districts purchase cleaner alternative fuel buses as part of PTA's supplemental environmental project entitled "Texas PTA Clean School Bus Replacement Program".

Visit <u>www.txpta.org/legislative/legislative-environmental</u> for more information and to download the grant application and instructions.

