



IT IS OUR DUTY TO
DEMAND THAT
LOCAL LAW 42 BE
IMPLEMENTED NOW
WITH THE BEST
TECHNOLOGY

WHAT CAN WE DO?



A) INVESTIGATE

Make sure that your school's Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is aware of the health risks of riding old, dirty school buses and that Local Law 42 requires cleaner buses.

B) TELEPHONE

Call the New York City Department of Education's Office of Pupil Transportation at

718-482-3810, and demand they only sign contracts with school bus companies having the cleanest buses.



If your child attends a private or parochial school, call the school to demand they only sign contracts with school bus companies having the cleanest buses.

C) ORGANIZE

Call WEACT and FABB to work together to get cleaner buses on the road



**WE MUST DEMAND THE BEST
FOR OUR CHILDREN AND
SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS**

HOW TO DO IT?—TOGETHER

WEACT and **FABB** want to work with you to transform the school bus fleet in NYC. To find out more about our Rosa Parks School Bus Diesel Conversion Campaign

Contact:

**WE ACT for Environmental Justice
(WE ACT)**

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Or

For A Better Bronx

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To join us in spreading the word and talking to neighbors about the cleanup of our city's school buses...

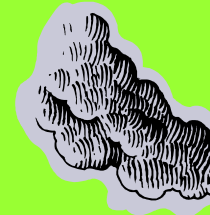
To find out more about Local Law 42...

To ask for a workshop about asthma, and the environment, diesel bus conversion, or other neighborhood issues, please call either organization...



**Rosa Parks School Bus
Diesel Conversion
Campaign**

POLICY INFORMATION



**Asthma
Delivery**



Diesel

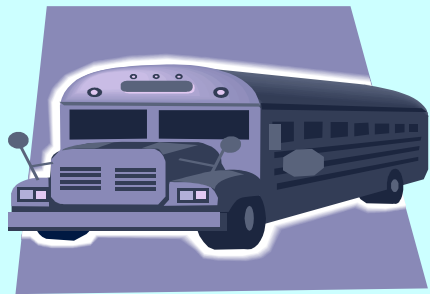
In the spirit of Rosa Parks, our unified communities can work together to achieve safe, healthy, and positive schools for students, staff, and bus drivers. This is part of our sustained goal of environmental justice.

**WEACT for Environmental Justice
And
For A Better Bronx
With the Generous Support of Union
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The School Buses

School Bus Pollution and Your Health

- New York City operates 6200 school buses, which is the largest fleet in the country.
- **School buses are one of the biggest polluters on the road.** They run on diesel fuel, which gives off dangerous exhaust. It not only affects the outside air, but the air inside the school bus cabin becomes polluted too.
- School buses drive with all the doors and windows shut, so the **pollution stays trapped inside.** Studies show that children inside the bus are exposed to four times more toxic exhaust than children standing outside of the bus.
- **Diesel exhaust is very harmful to breathe.** It causes asthma attacks and even cancer, lung, and heart disease.
- **It is especially dangerous to children** because they breathe in more air than adults, so they take in more of the pollutants. Also, their respiratory and immune systems are still developing, so harmful air can affect how well their lungs grow.



WE NEED TO STOP THE HARMFUL EXPOSURE OF DIESEL EXHAUST TO OUR CHILDREN AND SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS

Do We Have Laws To Protect the Health of Our Students and Bus Drivers?

New York City Local Law 42:

A) What is Local Law 42?

It is a NYC law, passed in 2005, mandating all school buses that serve NYC public schools to switch to safer ultra-low-sulfur-diesel fuel and to the best available technology to filter harmful exhaust.

B) What protection does it offer?

Depending on the type of bus engine and on the costs, bus companies are required to use filters that reduce pollution and emissions anywhere from 20% to 85%.



C) How do they decide which filter to use?

First, they must identify the type of filter that will work on their different buses, and then choose the filter with the highest level of protection possible. Some bus routes that encounter a lot of stop-and-go traffic don't allow the buses to generate enough heat for all types of filters to work.

Idling Restrictions:


New York City law prohibits buses from idling for more than 3 minutes, because idling pollutes the air inside buses, classrooms, and on playgrounds.

If you see a bus idling, ask the driver to turn off the engine or call 311.

So, Why Are the Students and Drivers Still at Risk?

Local Law 42 is not being fully implemented, so most of the city's school buses are **still not equipped with the best filters** to protect children from their pollution.



 Money is a problem. Some of the best technologies could be used on any school bus, regardless of its age, the bus route, or the temperature. These filters, however, are more expensive and **companies are choosing not to use them.**

BUT ISN'T PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN AND BUS DRIVERS FROM ASTHMA ATTACKS AND HEART DISEASE WORTH IT?

The old, polluting school buses are not legally required to be retired. In New Jersey, school buses are retired after 12 years because **the cleanest, safest buses are the newest buses.** We deserve the same standards in New York!

JOIN US IN FIGHTING FOR A MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE FOR NEW YORK STATE SCHOOL BUSES

