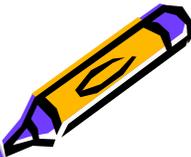


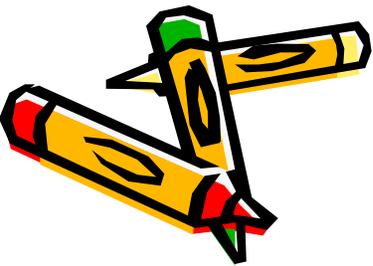
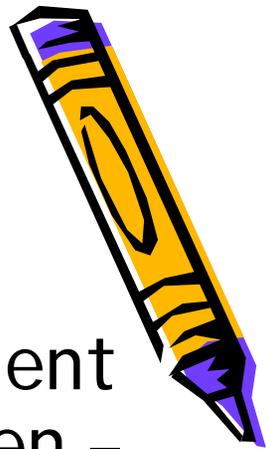
You Hold the Key to a Healthier Ride!

Realities of Clean School Bus USA 

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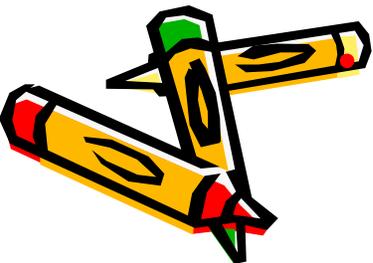
Clean School Bus USA: What is the Concern?

- **S**chool buses provide safe, convenient transportation to 24 million children – most of the buses are diesel powered.
- **A**wareness in communities is increasing regarding the link between children's exposure to exhaust from diesel school buses and health issues.
- **T**he good news - technology, fuels and practices exist to make school buses cleaner for healthier kids and communities.



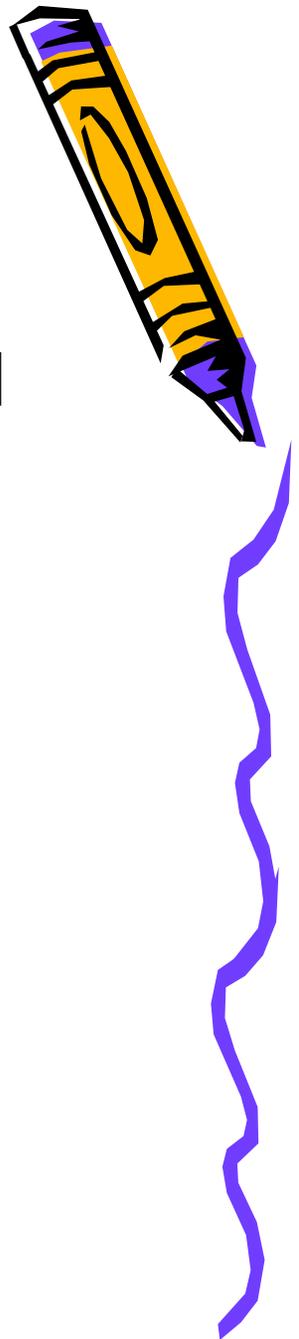
Clean School Bus USA is:

- **S**upporting 37 EPA-funded demonstration grant projects + numerous other state and locally funded project are underway nationwide
 - Additional Federal, State and local funding may become available
- **W**orking to strengthen ties with key external stakeholders
- **P**reparing and distributing public information
 - Brochures, bookmarks, web site
- **D**esigning national idling reduction/smart driving practices campaign
- **C**reating measurement tool for evaluating results



Critical Next Steps

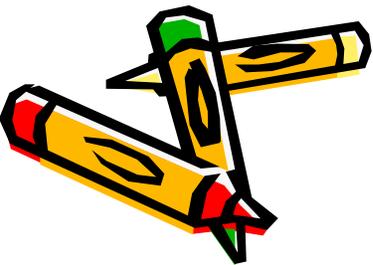
- **E**stablish a national forum to share opportunities, results and lessons learned.
- **I**dentify and follow-up on state and local funding opportunities and incentives.
- **A**nticipate and minimize school bus program implementation issues.
- **L**isten to feedback systematically.



Making the Connection- National Leadership is Essential!

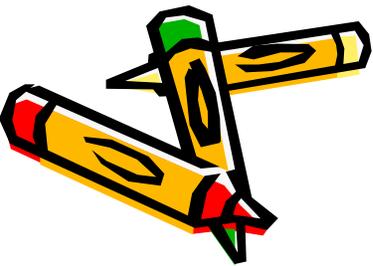
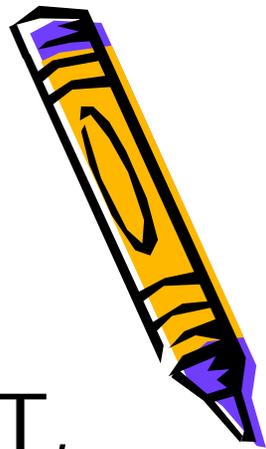


- **NASDPTS** and **NAPT** can provide:
 - a valuable first-line source of important, new information on available funding and other issues for state NAPT members and school districts.
 - a vibrant feedback source for EPA
 - information on state and local legislative activities and incentives, early information on any technological or performance issues/concerns that might be occurring in local districts



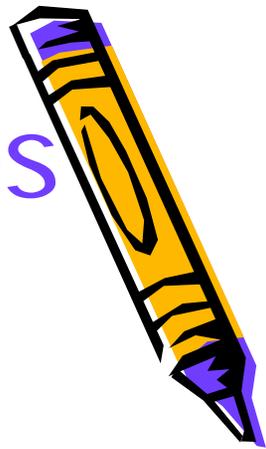
On The Mark, Get Set, Go!

- **I**dentify the NASDPTS , NAPT, or other key contact in your state.
- **R**ecognize and support the importance of that role.
- **W**ork with EPA to create and launch the national forum.

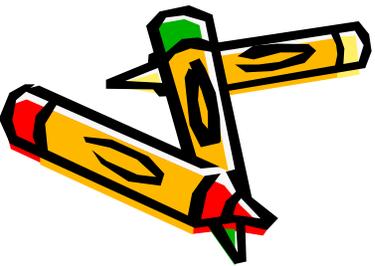
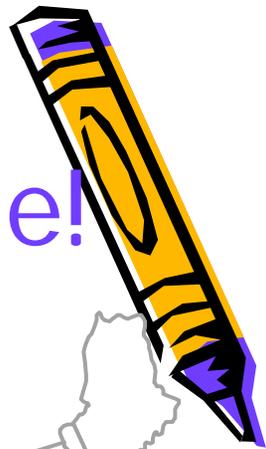
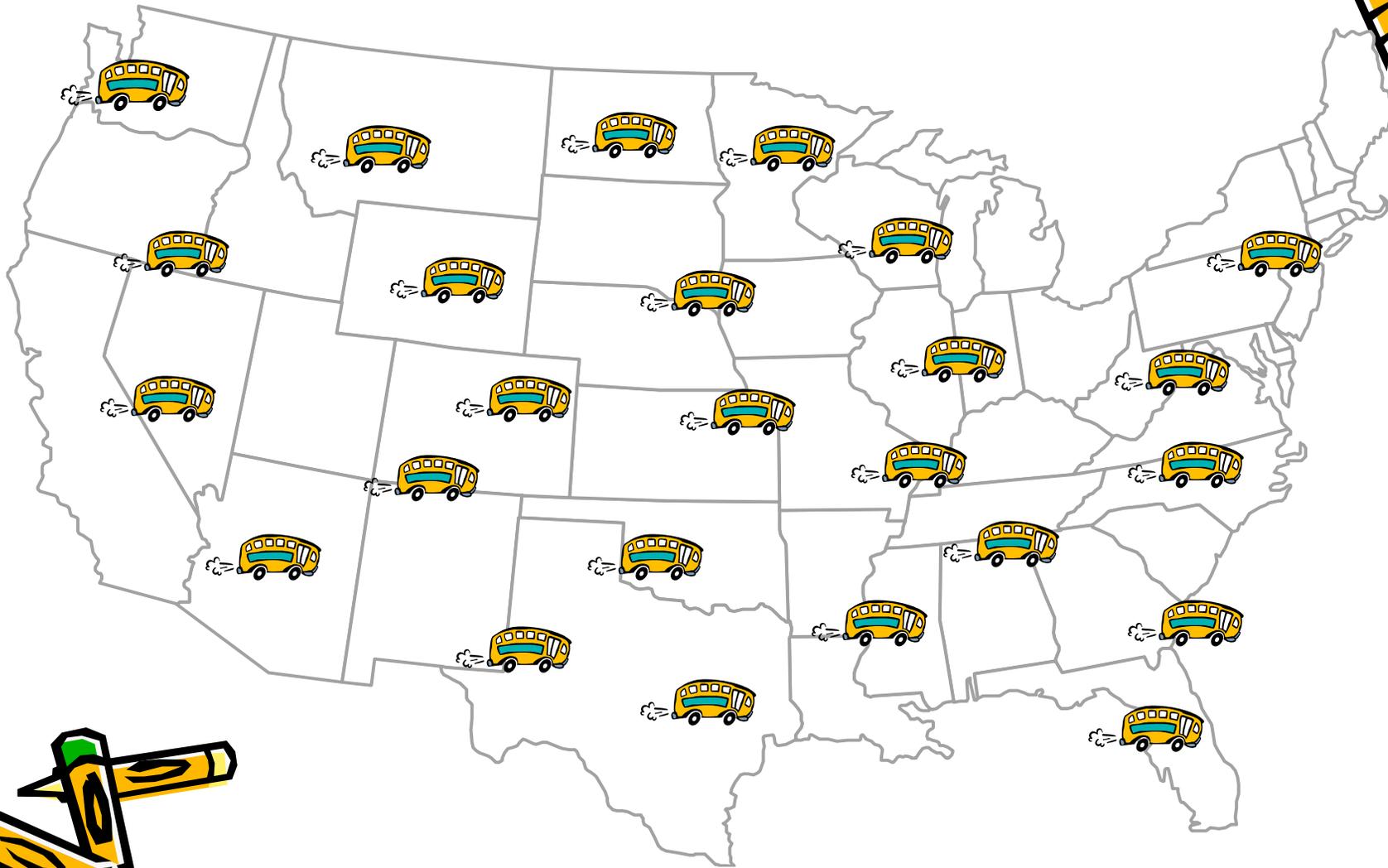


Collaboration Opportunities

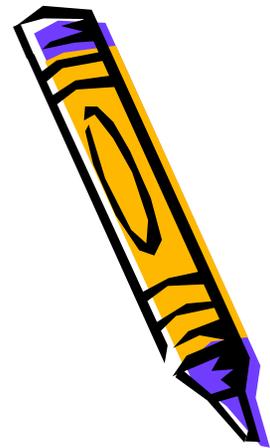
- **B**ring key state and local partners together.
 - Districts, Environmental Department, Associations, Unions.
- **L**earn about and actively pursue state and local funding opportunities.
 - Work to help develop and provide incentives.
- **B**e a strong force for supporting Clean School Bus program implementation by creating acceptance and awareness at the state and local level.



Together... we can get it done!



Who's ready to get on board?



Name	State	Organization
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