



Antelope Valley Schools Transportation Agency

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Greetings to all the Patrons of AVSTA!

While it seems as though the 22-23 school year has just ended, we here at Antelope Valley Schools Transportation Agency are working hard to prepare for the upcoming 23-24 school year! And the preparation is exciting! While the nationwide bus driver shortage is still presenting the Agency with many challenges, our trainers have been working hard all summer to prepare a group of new drivers for the upcoming year that will help us get students to and from school on schedule.

We are also excited about our efforts to expand our clean and green fleet! Over the next year, we expect to add an additional thirty-six all electric buses to our fleet. To accommodate our fleet expansion, we are working on developing property adjacent to our current lot to serve as a charging center for our electric fleet. These all-electric buses will provide clean, efficient transportation for our students throughout the valley.

We will also continue to keep our students safe and their trips to and from school closely monitored with our SMART-tag system. All students riding AVSTA buses must have a SMART-tag ID to ride our buses. SMART-tag passes are free and can be ordered through the AVSTA web site at [www.avsta.com](http://www.avsta.com). Parents may also sign up for our SMART-tag Parent Portal app that will allow parents to check on their student's bus in real time through their smart phone along with receiving pertinent information and alerts regarding their student's bus.

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, we hope that you all have a restful and relaxing summer. All of our drivers and staff are looking forward to a fresh, new year of providing an important and integral service that is necessity to our students' education. Have a fantastic summer! See you soon!

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