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**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6: South Coast AQMD and IQAir to Install Air Filtration Units
at Los Angeles School, Announce more than 100 Additional Schools**

Filtration systems can reduce ultra-fine particulate matter in classrooms by over 90%

Los Angeles, CA – On Wednesday, March 6th, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) and IQAir, an air quality technology company, will install air filtration units in classrooms at Santa Isabel Elementary School in Los Angeles. This is part of \$1.2 million in incentive funds made available by the state for the installation and maintenance of air filtration systems at private K-12 schools, private daycare facilities, and preschools in the AB 617 communities.

Santa Isabel is about two blocks from four major freeways, exposing it to air pollution from traffic. Many schools in Southern California are located near highways where pollution, including diesel particulate matter, is emitted from trucks and other vehicles. Students spend an average of six to eight hours a day at schools, and studies show that indoor air quality can have significant impacts on student health, wellbeing, and productivity in the classroom.

Fine particulate matter can be inhaled and lodged deep in the lungs and can enter into the bloodstream, causing health effects. The air filters being installed in classrooms are certified to remove more than 90 percent of ultra-fine particulate matter from classrooms. Improved indoor air quality in classrooms increases productivity and improves attendance and performance in both adults and students.

WHO:

South Coast AQMD

IQAir

Santa Isabel Principal

WHAT:

South Coast AQMD's AB 617 Private School Program will install air filtration systems at the School of Santa Isabel. This program has provided air filtration to 184 participating private schools and daycare facilities in environmental justice communities.

WHEN:

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

10:30 A.M.

**Please note, due to the school schedule, this event must begin and end on time. Media should plan to arrive at 10:15 a.m. to allow time for parking and set-up.

WHERE:

School of Santa Isabel (Elementary School)

2424 Whittier Blvd.

Los Angeles, CA 90023

VISUALS:

Media can view a classroom where the newly installed air filtration system is located. Additionally, a portable unit will be installed in two rooms at the school and will be available for viewing, as well as dirty and clean filters. Experts will be on-site to provide technical information.

South Coast AQMD is the regulatory agency responsible for improving air quality for large areas of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties, including the Coachella Valley. For news, air quality alerts, event updates and more, please visit us at www.aqmd.gov, download our award-winning app, or follow us on [Facebook](#), [X](#) (formerly known as Twitter) and [Instagram](#).

About IQAir:

[IQAir](#) is a Swiss technology company that empowers individuals, organizations, and governments to improve air quality through information, collaboration, and intervention.

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