



R19AE

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

NHTSA Recall Number: 19V-471 School Bus

DATE: July 24, 2019

Dear Blue Bird Owner:

**SUBJECT: RECALL R19AE, Cummins Power Drive 7000 EV Vehicle Control Units (VCU)
Software Error**

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

This important safety recall notice applies to your bus(es) identified by both Blue Bird Body Number and Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) on the enclosed yellow cover sheet. If you no longer own the subject bus(es), please complete the appropriate section of the yellow reply sheet and return to Blue Bird in the enclosed pink postage prepaid envelope.

Blue Bird Body Company is recalling certain model year 2018-2019 Vision School Buses manufactured from January 19, 2019 through April 13, 2019, and certain model year 2018-2019 All American School Buses manufactured from August 1, 2018 through May 7, 2019. On the subject buses, Blue Bird and Cummins have determined that certain Power Drive 7000 EV Vehicle Control Units (VCU) may unexpectedly command off the high voltage contactors which results in loss of all systems powered by high voltage. The high voltage systems include the traction drive system and power steering. Loss of motive power and loss of power steering may increase the risk of a crash.

To correct this condition, Cummins will immediately begin working with vehicle owners with a target of having the new software installed in the affected Vehicle Control Units by approximately July 31, 2019.

Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

Reimbursements will be made in accordance with the requirements of the National Highway Transportation Safety Act, Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 573 and 577.

If Blue Bird Body Company should fail to or is unable to remedy this condition without charge to you, you may contact:

**ADMINISTRATOR
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION
1200 NEW JERSEY AVENUE, SE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590**

Or, you may call The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration toll free at:
1-888-327-4236 TTY 1-800-424-9153 or go to: <http://www.safercar.gov>

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