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MR. BILL COLEMAN
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NVS-215kjs
05V-062

Subject: CUMMINS/ENGINE STALLING

Dear MR. COLEMAN:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect or noncompliance information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

BLUE BIRD/ALL AMERICAN/1998-2002
BLUE BIRD/COMMERCIAL SERIES/1998-2002
BLUE BIRD/TC2000/1998-2002
CUMMINS/ISB /9999

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-062

Recall Date: February 22, 2005

Components:

FUEL SYSTEM, DIESEL

Potential Number of Units Affected: 18,891

Summary:

CERTAIN BLUE BIRD ALL AMERICAN, TC2000, AND COMMERCIAL SERIES SCHOOL BUSES EQUIPPED WITH CUMMINS ISB DIESEL ENGINES. THE FUEL PUMP COULD FAIL TO TRANSFER FUEL APPROPRIATELY CREATING AN ENGINE STALL CONDITION.

Consequence:

SHOULD THE ENGINE STALL WHILE THE VEHICLE IS IN USE, A POSSIBLE VEHICLE CRASH COULD OCCUR.

Remedy:

CUSTOMERS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY CUMMINS TO BRING THEIR VEHICLES TO AN AUTHORIZED DEALER TO HAVE THE FUEL LIFT PUMP REPLACED FREE OF CHARGE.

As stated in your report, we understand that Cummins will be conducting this safety recall. However, since Blue Bird is responsible for the defect/noncompliance in accordance with 49 CFR §573.5, please be advised that if Cummins' safety recall campaign is not successful, the agency will require Blue Bird to conduct a follow-up notification.

Your contact for this recall will be KELLY SCHULER, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227 or by email at KSCHULER@NHTSA.DOT.GOV.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly Schuler for". The signature is written in a cursive style.

George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
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Enforcement