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Oklahoma School Recognized for Reducing Diesel Emissions

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) announced today that Friend School in Chickasha will be recognized for reducing diesel emissions and improving the state's air quality. A special ceremony will be held at 10:30 a.m., December 7, 2009, at Friend School.

Friend School participated in the Oklahoma Clean Diesel Grant Program. As part of that program, some school districts in the state were eligible to apply for grant funds to replace, repower, and/or retrofit diesel school buses.

Friend School used \$7,918.00 in grant funds to retrofit three school buses. The program also required the school to implement a policy that limits the amount of time a school bus idles. Unnecessary vehicle idling pollutes the air, wastes fuel, and causes excess engine wear.

More information on the Oklahoma Clean Diesel Grant Program is available at <http://www.deq.state.ok.us/aqdnew/cleandiesel/index.html>.

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