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Oklahoma School Recognized for Reducing Diesel Emissions

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) announced today that Dale Public Schools will be recognized for reducing diesel emissions and improving the state's air quality. The ceremony will take place at 10:30 a.m., December 6, 2010. The event will be held at 300 Smith Avenue, Dale, Oklahoma.

Dale Public Schools 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.

Dale Public Schools used approximately \$42,500 in grant funds to replace a 1995 bus with a 2010 emission standard bus. In addition, the Oklahoma Clean Diesel Grant Program 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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