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## News Release

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### **Oklahoma School Recognized for Reducing Diesel Emissions**

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) announced today that Beggs Public Schools will be recognized for reducing diesel emissions and improving the state's air quality. The ceremony will take place at 1:30 p.m., November 2, 2010. The event will be held at 1201 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Beggs, Oklahoma.

Beggs 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.

Beggs Public Schools used approximately \$40,000.00 to replace a 1994 diesel school 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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