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Lexington Public Schools and Alex Public Schools Recognized for Reducing Diesel Emissions

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) announced today that Lexington Public Schools and Alex Public Schools will be recognized during ceremonies for reducing diesel emissions and improving the state's air quality. Ceremony information is as follows:

Lexington Public Schools - The ceremony will be held at 10:30 a.m., August 31, 2011. The event will take place at the administrative offices located at 420 N.E. 4th Street, Lexington, Oklahoma.

Alex Public Schools - The ceremony will be held at 1:00 p.m., August 31, 2011. The event will take place at the administrative offices located at 209 S. 2nd Street, Alex, Oklahoma.

Lexington Public Schools and Alex Public Schools participated in the Oklahoma Clean Diesel Program. Through this program, Lexington Public Schools used approximately \$89,965 in grant funds to replace two older model buses with two new 2010 emission standard buses. Alex Public Schools used approximately \$10,988 in grant funds to retrofit five buses to meet 2010 emission standards.

In addition, the Oklahoma Clean Diesel Grant Program required these schools 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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