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Putnam City Schools Recognized for Reducing Diesel Emissions

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) announced today that Putnam City Schools will be recognized for reducing diesel emissions and improving the state's air quality. The ceremony will be held at 10:00 a.m., March 4, 2011. The event will take place at the Administration Building, 5401 N.W. 40th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Putnam City Schools participated in the Oklahoma Clean Diesel Grant Program. As part of that program, some schools in the state were eligible to apply for grant funds to replace, repower, and/or retrofit diesel school buses. Putnam City Schools used approximately \$250,000 in grant funds to replace thirteen older model school buses with thirteen 2010 emission standard buses. 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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