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Oklahoma School Recognized for Reducing Diesel Emissions

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) announced today that Sallisaw Public Schools will be recognized for reducing diesel emissions and improving the state's air quality. The ceremony will take place during the district's board meeting at 6 p.m., October 10, 2011. The meeting will be held at the administration building, located at 701 South J.T. Stites Boulevard, Sallisaw, Oklahoma.

Sallisaw 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.

Sallisaw Public Schools used approximately \$37,455 in grant funds to replace one older model 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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