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Pretty Water Public Schools, Allen-Bowden Public Schools, and Sand Springs Public Schools Recognized for Reducing Diesel Emissions

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) announced today that Pretty Water Public Schools, Allen-Bowden Public Schools, and Sand Springs Public Schools will be recognized during ceremonies for reducing diesel emissions and improving the state's air quality. Ceremony information is as follows:

Pretty Water Public Schools - The ceremony will be held at 10:00 a.m., August 19, 2011. The event will take place at the administrative offices located at 15223 W. 81st Street S., Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

Allen-Bowden Public Schools - The ceremony will be held at 11:30 a.m., August 19, 2011. The event will take place at the administrative offices located at 7049 Frankoma Rd., Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Sand Springs Public Schools - The ceremony will be held at 1:30 p.m., August 19, 2011. The event will take place at the district transportation building located at 408 W. 55th Place S., Sand Springs, Oklahoma.

All three schools participated in the Oklahoma Clean Diesel Program. Through this program, Pretty Water Public Schools used approximately \$48,875 in grant funds to replace one older model bus with one new 2010 emission standard bus and retrofit another with a diesel oxidation catalyst and closed-crankcase ventilation system. Allen-Bowden Public Schools used approximately \$134,968 in grant funds to replace three older model buses with three new 2010 emission standard buses. Sand Springs Public Schools used approximately \$36,919 in grant funds to replace one older model bus with a new 2010 emission standard bus.

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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