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Oklahoma School Recognized for Reducing Diesel Emissions

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) announced today that Mount St. Mary High School will be recognized for reducing diesel emissions and improving the state's air quality. The ceremony will be held at 1:30 p.m., January 10, 2011. The event will take place at 2801 S. Shartel, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Mount St. Mary High School 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. Mount St. Mary used approximately \$36,500 in grant funds to replace a 1997 bus with a 2011 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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