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Meeker Public Schools and Prague Public Schools Recognized for Reducing Diesel Emissions

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

Meeker Public Schools - The ceremony will be held at 10:30 a.m., August 24, 2011. The event will take place at the administrative offices located at 214 E. Carl Hubbell Blvd., Meeker, OK.

Prague Public Schools - The ceremony will be held at 1:00 p.m., August 24, 2011. The event will take place at the Board of Education offices located at Hwy 62 and Bluebell Road, Prague, OK.

Meeker Public Schools and Prague Public Schools participated in the Oklahoma Clean Diesel Program. Through this program, Meeker Public Schools used approximately \$42,242 in grant funds to replace an older model bus with a new 2010 emission standard bus. Prague Public Schools used approximately \$41,544 in grant funds to replace an 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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