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ADEM Partners with the Boaz City Board of Education to Reduce Diesel Emissions

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management is partnering with the Boaz City Board of Education to reduce diesel emissions through a school bus replacement project. The project will utilize funding under the Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA).

While new school buses must meet tougher emission standards established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, many older school buses continue to emit harmful diesel exhaust. Diesel exhaust from these older buses has a negative impact on human health, especially for children who have a faster breathing rate than adults and whose lungs are not yet fully developed.

The Boaz City Board of Education replaced three of these older diesel school buses with two new, cleaner diesel school buses.

Utilizing its DERA funding, ADEM has awarded the Boaz City School System \$76,224 to assist in the purchase of these new, cleaner school buses. More information on ADEM's Air Division projects and programs may be found at www.adem.alabama.gov.

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