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## **ADEM Partners with the Talladega City Board of Education to Reduce Diesel Emissions**

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management is partnering with the Talladega 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 Talladega City Board of Education has replaced two of these older diesel school buses with one new, cleaner diesel school bus.

Utilizing its DERA funding, ADEM has awarded the Talladega City School System \$36,745 to assist in the purchase of this new, cleaner school bus. More information on ADEM's Air Division projects and programs may be found at [www.adem.alabama.gov](http://www.adem.alabama.gov).

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