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ADEM Partners with Randolph County Board of Education to Reduce Diesel Emissions

MONTGOMERY – The Alabama Department of Environmental Management is partnering with the Randolph County Board of Education in Wedowee, 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 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, many older school buses continue to emit harmful diesel exhaust. Diesel exhaust from older buses have 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 Randolph County Board of Education will replace five of the older buses with new, cleaner diesel school buses.

ADEM, utilizing its 2020 DERA funding, has awarded the Randolph County Board of Education \$102,629 to assist in the purchase of the new buses. The project is scheduled for completion by August 31.

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