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Airport Road Intermediate School Accepts Challenge to Reduce Automobile Emissions

Montgomery – The Alabama Department of Environmental Management recently partnered with the Alabama Department of Public Health and the Alabama Department of Education to develop a No Idling Campaign aimed at reducing automobile emissions near local schools in an effort to reduce school children's exposure to pollutants that are contained in the exhaust of automobiles. The No Idling Campaign allows schools to establish an Idle Free Zone and also allows parents to sign a No Idling Pledge documenting their commitment to the project.

In April, officials at Airport Road Intermediate School challenged the parents of their students to support the No Idling Campaign and received a tremendous response. A large number of parents signed the No Idling Pledge illustrating their commitment to protecting the children at Airport Road Intermediate School from the negative health impacts of automobile exhaust.

During the month of May, which is Asthma Awareness Month, ADEM recognized school officials and students for their efforts to implement a No Idling Campaign. While many schools across Alabama have implemented a No Idling Campaign, Airport Road Intermediate School ranked among the top in getting parents to sign the No Idling Pledge.