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## **ADEM Partners with the Lauderdale County Board of Education to Reduce Diesel Emissions**

**MONTGOMERY** - The Alabama Department of Environmental Management is partnering with the Lauderdale County 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).

ADEM, utilizing its DERA funding, has awarded the Lauderdale County Board of Education \$95,171.86 to assist in the purchase of four new cleaner running school buses to replace four of their older buses.

While new school buses must meet EPA's tougher emission standards, 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 school age children.

In the last 14 years, more than \$4 million has been made available for grant projects and programs to reduce air pollution in Alabama. The projects have involved school buses, trains, as well as on-road and off-road vehicles. Many of the projects included the installation of retrofit devices such as diesel oxidation catalysts on vehicles and anti-idling devices installed on trains in order to reduce particulate emissions.

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