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

**MONTGOMERY** - The Alabama Department of Environmental Management is partnering with the Wilcox County Board of Education in Camden, to reduce diesel emissions through a school bus replacement project. The project will utilize funding under the Diesel Emission Reduction Act.

ADEM, utilizing its 2021 DERA funding, has awarded the Wilcox County Board of Education \$152,315 to assist in the purchase of these new, cleaner school buses.

The Wilcox County Board of Education will replace five of their older diesel school buses with new, cleaner diesel school 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 children who have a faster breathing rate than adults and whose lungs are not yet fully developed.

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