



## SAMPLE PARENT LETTER

Date

Parent Name  
Address  
City/State/ZIP

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Please join us in an exciting new initiative to protect health and improve air quality. *Clean Air Zone Idaho* is a statewide program aimed at reducing children's exposure to school bus diesel exhaust by reducing idling of buses and other vehicles and encouraging use of alternative fuels in school buses.

[Idaho School] has pledged to "get into the zone" and improve the quality of the air for our students, teachers, and staff. We have made the commitment to: [choose any that apply or add your own]

- Implement a no-idling policy for all vehicles at every school building.
- Post "no-idling" signs and alert bus drivers, parents, and administrators that engines should be turned off when a vehicle is waiting or parked.
- Redesign bus parking zones to move bus parking away from school air intake vents.
- Park buses at a diagonal to avoid front-to-back passing of emissions.
- Require targeted maintenance of the bus fleet to reduce emissions.
- Invest in cleaner fuels and technologies such as exhaust pipe retrofits for current buses and use of biodiesel.

Enclosed you will find a fact sheet for parents, guardians, and community members explaining the purpose and goals of the program, health effects of diesel exhaust, and what you can do to help. We appreciate your cooperation in complying with our no-idle zone policy when dropping off or picking up your children.

Sincerely,

Principal  
[Idaho School]