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VEHICLE IDLING

POLICY STATEMENT

The Strait Regional School Board is committed to the provision of healthy learning and working environments for students and staff. The School Board recognizes that exhaust fumes from idling school buses and other vehicles pose health risks to students, staff drivers, and school communities. Furthermore, the Board recognizes that bus idling wastes fuel and financial resources, and affects the mechanical performance and efficiency of school busses.

The purpose of this policy is to eliminate unnecessary vehicle idling in order to decrease health issues, negative environmental effects and increase the performance and efficiency of school buses.

GUIDELINES

1. Bus drivers shall turn off the bus engine when loading or unloading students at individual schools.
2. At bus garages, depots, and day and night parking areas, idling time shall be limited to no more than three to five minutes.
3. The driver of a school bus shall avoid idling during extra curricular trips when waiting to pick up students.
4. In cold weather, if heaters and defrosting are an issue, the bus should be warmed away from the school zone.
5. Drivers are to arrive at the school bus loop as close to dismissal time as practical.
6. All vehicles, including but not limited to, private, maintenance, service and delivery vehicles shall turn off their engines while parked or waiting on school property.
7. Only in emergency situations or when lift equipment is in operation on accessible buses will an exemption be approved.

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8. On an annual basis, schools should communicate this policy in writing to students, staff, parents/guardians and members of its school community in a student handbook and/or school newsletter.
9. Clearly written signage shall be prominently posted at building entrances advising drivers to turn off their vehicles.

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