4440 <u>District Vehicle Idling Policy</u> (Cf. 4050)

This policy applies to the operation of all district-owned and/or contracted/leased school buses, delivery, or maintenance vehicles.

Exhaust from idling vehicles, especially those that burn diesel fuel, can accumulate in and around the vehicle and pose a health risk to both children and drivers. Exposure to diesel exhaust can cause lung damage and respiratory problems. Diesel exhaust also exacerbates asthma and existing allergies, and long-term exposure is thought to increase the risk of lung cancer. Low sulfur diesel fuel has less negative consequences. Idling buses (and vehicles) also waste fuel and financial resources.

It is the intent of the Board to eliminate unnecessary idling by District vehicles so that idling time is minimized in all aspects of school bus and other District vehicle operation.

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