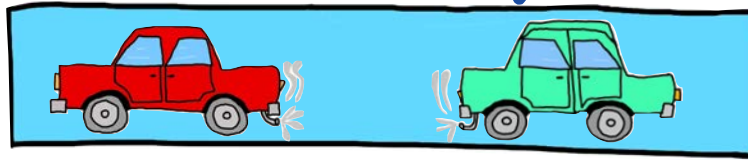# Start a NO Idling Campaign Here's Why!

Toxic chemicals are emitted from the buses, diesel emissions, and car exhaust.

When children sit in their classrooms or stand in line by the parking area, they are subjected to these emissions. These emissions increase the risk of asthma, lung and heart disease, and are responsible for many cancers

Idling wastes resources damages the environment, and adds to global warming. Burning fuel needlessly costs you money.

Idling vehicles can be easily stolen or can cause damage if accidentally put in gear.

Today's buses, trucks and cars do not need to be warmed up, except in extremely cold conditions (below 0° F). In fact, for modern diesel engines idling can actually be harder on the engine than driving down the road. (Info from the MN Office of Environmental Assistance.)

KSE Eco Activity

1. Please print out several copies the petition page on this link. Ask as many adults and kids to as possible to sign your petition. The more of you who work on this project the more signatures you'll obtain.

2. When you have lots of names (hopefully 100's), set up a meeting with the principal of your school to present him/her with the forms and discuss the issues. You may want to include a teacher or PTA/PTO member in your meeting.

3. If the response is YES, take these next steps:
a. Design your NO Idling sign. It must be big and clear enough for people in the parking lot to read
b. find a printing company and tell them what size sign you want. Find out how much it will cost. You **can also ask if they would donate signs for your school.**
c. If you need funds begin your **fundraising activity** or ask your PTO/PTA to help you out.

4. Once you have your sign, talk with your Principal to decide where they should be posted. You may need to find volunteers to help you put them up.

5. Use the top 1/2 of the petition form to create 1/2 page flyers to give to your families and your bus drivers.

Click here for your No Idling Campaign Petition form.

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