

# IMPORTANT NOTICE

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# ALL SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS

Our company has entered into a partnership with COSTA and the Department of Environmental Protection to seek ways to reduce the pollution caused by diesel emissions from school buses. One of the problem areas is school loading zones. As buses wait for students at the schools, they emit exhaust fumes which concentrate at ground level and which can enter both the passenger compartments of the buses and school classrooms through ventilation systems. Such fumes can cause significant, adverse and life-long health effects, especially to children.

In order to reduce these emissions, **we are instructing all drivers to turn off your buses when you reach the school or other location, unless you will be leaving within three minutes. Do not allow buses to idle while waiting for passengers.** This directive applies to all transportation—home-to-school, activity, and charter.

Exceptions to this policy may be made if

- You have to run the engine in order to operate safety equipment;
- You need to maintain a safe temperature for students with special needs; or
- The outside temperature is below 20 degrees.

Your cooperation is important in helping us improve our air quality and promote healthy breathing for everyone. Thanks.