

Welcome to the New School Year!

It is with great excitement that the City of De Pere Sustainability Commission welcomes another school year for all! Our focus on sustainability and healthy learning environments has inspired us to create a “Clean Air Campaign” that focuses on a “No Idling” awareness and education modeled after the Environmental Protection Agency’s recommendation for idling practices in regard to the health of all students and staff.

The goal of the clean air campaign is to reduce pollutants and harmful emissions in the air due to idling vehicles in our city. Idling vehicles release emissions that contain air toxins known to cause cancer and other serious health effects. These emissions also contribute to pollution and climate change. We’re asking the public to turn off engines rather than idling. We’re helping to create awareness at schools as they have a high number of idling vehicles before and after school. This simple change will improve the air our children breathe, as well as the air quality in our schools and city.

We are pleased to have the support of the districts two Superintendents, Dennis Krueger and Chris Thompson whom our commissioners met with.

The Environmental Protection Agency’s “Idle Free Toolkit for Schools” recommendation is as follows:

- When waiting for students to be picked up, all engines should be shut off.
- All drivers should turn off engines when they arrive at school and when they expect to be parked for more than 10 seconds.
- If idling is necessary for temperature control, please restrict it to no more than 5 minutes.

This is an educational campaign for all of us and we very much appreciate your support for our students and environment. Give us a wave if you see us with the schools “Green Teams” creating awareness during pick up times!

We look forward to a safe and healthy school year for all!

Sincerely,

The City of De Pere’s Sustainability Commission