



## SAMPLE Letter to Teachers and Staff

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Dear {School Name} Teacher:

{School Name} is excited to be a part of an Idle Free Louisville and to do our part for cleaner air for all to breathe, especially for our students. The exhaust from idling vehicles and school buses poses a health risk for children, drivers, and the community at large. Unfortunately, one of the areas where unnecessary idling occurs most often is at schools where parents in car rider lines wait to pick up their children. This is one hazard that can be easily prevented and we are committed to be part of the solution.

You and your students can be part of the solution. Did you know...

- Children are more susceptible to asthma because their lungs are not fully developed and they breathe 50 percent more per pound of body weight than adults.
- Asthma is the most common chronic illness among children.
- Just one vehicle dropping off and picking up one child at school puts about three pounds of pollution into the air per month.
- Working together, we can make a difference and reduce air pollution from vehicles.

{School Name} has an Idle Free policy for school buses, delivery vehicles, cars in the car rider lines, as well as teacher and staff vehicles. Please help us protect the health of our children and make our air cleaner by encouraging visitors to our property to follow the **10 Second Rule: Turn off your engine if you will be parked for more than ten seconds.** We will provide staff working the car rider pick-up line idling fact cards to help with this effort.

We encourage you to incorporate the idling reduction program into a larger study of the environment that will afford your students the opportunity to impact their community and their world. KAIRE, Kentuckiana Air Education, can help us develop activities and lessons that incorporate our idling reduction efforts into core curriculum subject matter.

The simple step of turning the key will improve air quality at our school and will help us all breathe easier. Please help us pass this message along and thank you for your support in making {School Name} an Idle Free School.

Sincerely,

Principal/School Administrator