



To: Parents and Teachers at Cooper Elementary School

Subject: No Idling Zone Takes Effect at Cooper Elementary School

Starting September 22, 2008, parents dropping off or picking up their children will see “No Idling: Young Lungs at Work” signs posted in the carpool lanes. The No Idling Zone is part of our involvement with the Clean Air Schools program, in partnership with The Clean Air Campaign. Through this program, we are working to protect the health of our students and the health of our environment, and we ask you to show your support by turning off your engine. Gwinnett County has also adopted a no idling policy for our school busses, greatly restricting the idling time on school grounds.

The emissions that come from our tailpipes harm all of us, especially children who breathe more and at a faster rate than adults. Metro Atlanta’s air pollution problem also poses particular risks for our children with asthma. Georgia has a higher than average rate of pediatric asthma, and even low levels of pollution can trigger an asthma attack or respiratory symptoms.

So, if you’re going to be sitting still for more than 30 seconds, please remember to turn your car’s engine off. You’ll not only improve our air, you’ll also save money in fuel and vehicle wear and tear costs!

To learn more about air pollution, its effects and how we can all breathe easier, visit www.CleanAirCampaign.com.

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