**TEMPLATE – Letter to Parents**

**[Insert name of school if appropriate any additional partners**] is part of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality’s (ADEQ’s) comprehensive vehicle “No Idling” program. ADEQ has identified vehicle idling as a contributor to air pollution and increased health risks for everyone, especially children.

As part of our program, ADEQ is asking all parents, teachers, staff, bus drivers, and delivery truck drivers to reduce idling to decrease students’ exposure to hazardous air pollutants emitted from the exhaust of idling vehicles. Just one vehicle dropping off and picking up one child at one-school puts about three pounds of pollution into the air per month. In addition, idling uses more fuel than turning your vehicle’s engine on and off and consumes one-half to one gallon of fuel per hour.

**What You Can Do To Help**:

* Turn off your engine when you arrive at school and when you expect to be parked for more than 10 seconds.
* If idling is necessary for temperature control, please limit idling to 5 minutes.
* Consider reducing unnecessary idling at not only our school but also anywhere you are waiting for more than 10 seconds.

Included with the letter is a flyer to tell you more about idling reduction and a pledge sheet. As part of our “No Idling” campaign, we ask parents, teachers, staff, bus drivers and delivery truck drivers to pledge to not idle unnecessarily. Return your completed pledge sheet to the school.

Thank you in advance for your support. These simple changes will improve the air our children breathe, as well as the air quality in our neighborhoods.