

## **Best Practices for Drivers**

### *Taking Part, Idling Smart*

#### **Be conscious of your idling time.**

##### **Weather permitting**

- ⇒ Turn engine off when upon arrival at your destination
- ⇒ Turn engine off when waiting for passengers

##### **Be aware of your surroundings**

- ⇒ Avoid idling near school building entrances/doors and air intakes/vents
- ⇒ Avoid idling near where children are gathering and could breathe in fumes from emissions

##### **Be mindful of timing**

- ⇒ Be mindful of how long you need to run the engine, if air-conditioning or heat are needed
- ⇒ If lights are needed, activate them without running the engine and wait until all passengers are loaded and the door is securely shut prior to starting engine

##### **If idling is unavoidable due to weather or another factor**

- ⇒ Park a safe distance (100 feet away or more) from building entrances/doors and air intakes/vents while loading and unloading
- ⇒ Ensure windows and doors are closed to reduce the chance of emissions entering the vehicle

##### **Avoid bus caravanning (for bus drivers)**

- ⇒ Caravanning, or lining up, closely behind other buses could cause fumes from emissions to enter the bus
- ⇒ Delayed buses should make sure windows and doors are closed while other buses depart to avoid fumes entering the bus