



## **WOODBIDGE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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Dear CMS Families,

Colonia Middle School is very excited to implement a vehicle idling informational program. All persons operating vehicles at the school are asked to adhere to the following guidelines:

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

We are implementing this informational program to reduce the students' exposure to air toxins emitted in the exhaust of idling vehicles.

*Idling vehicles contribute to air pollution and emit **air toxins**, which are pollutants known or suspected to cause **serious health effects**.*

Included with this letter is a flyer to tell you more about idling reduction. As part of our Idle Free Schools campaign, we will be asking all parents, teachers, staff, bus drivers and delivery truck drivers to pledge to not idle unnecessarily. This pledge will be emailed to you in the coming weeks.

We encourage you to eliminate unnecessary idling not only at our school, but anywhere you are waiting for more than 10 seconds. This simple change will improve the air our children breathe, as well as the air quality in our neighborhoods.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

The Colonia Middle School Sustainable New Jersey Committee