

Pupil Transportation Advisory Committee

School Bus Emissions/Idling

Recognizing that Exhaust emissions by school buses may be potentially harmful to the health and safety of school children, and further that a number of states have passed legislation restricting the idling of school buses around school sites, and further, recognizing that excessive engine idling contributes to increased consumption of fuel causing increased strain on school finances, the Pupil Transportation Advisory Committee recommends the Michigan Department of Education inform all Michigan School Districts operating school bus fleets of the following;

Recognizing that school bus exhaust emissions may be potentially harmful to the health and safety of adults and school children, school buses are to limit engine idling time to the minimum possible. Further, when buses are at a school site and waiting to load or unload students, the engine is to be immediately turned off and restarted only when ready to leave the site. Exceptions may be necessary for some special education buses operating lifts and other specialized equipment and in situations where insufficient warmth for students cannot be achieved without the vehicle engine operating.