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MEDIA ALERT

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WHO: Pollution Prevention Partnership at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

WHAT: Clean School Bus Project: Retrofitting of School Buses

WHEN: (Note Time Change) Wednesday, Aug. 5, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

WHERE: Calallen ISD Transportation Department Bus Barn, 13301 East Redbird Lane

Texas A&M-Corpus Christi's Pollution Prevention Partnership Retrofitting Calallen School Buses to Reduce Harmful Emissions

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – The Pollution Prevention Partnership (P3) at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi will equip Calallen ISD school buses with equipment to reduce harmful emissions on Wednesday, Aug. 5, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Calallen ISD Transportation Department Bus Barn, 13301 East Redbird Lane.

The Clean School Bus project is designed to reduce children's exposure to diesel exhaust from school buses by retrofitting the buses with diesel oxidation catalysts and closed crankcase filtration systems that reduce emissions of air pollutants from exhaust pipes and crankcase breather tubes. By reducing ambient air pollution, passengers will have cleaner air to breathe.

Through the program, the Pollution Prevention Partnership is retrofitting more than 150 school buses in several area school districts through a Supplemental Environmental Project grant from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

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