

## **FCPS awarded funds for Clean School Bus program**

Fayette County Public Schools is one of six Kentucky school districts sharing a \$196,880 grant to retrofit school buses with pollution reduction equipment and to purchase filter-cleaning devices.

These districts are participating in the Clean School Bus program, administered by the Kentucky Division of Air Quality. One goal is to decrease student absenteeism rates by reducing the possibility of asthma and allergy triggers produced by diesel fumes.

“Ensuring clean transportation for our children when traveling to and from school is essential to improving their health and providing a quality education,” first lady Jane Beshear said during the April 21 announcement of funding. “This initiative further complements the ‘Going Green’ projects we have already implemented in the Beshear administration to better protect our environment.”

Earlier in April, Gov. Steve Beshear announced Kentucky would receive \$1.73 million from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to further support the Clean School Bus program.