

Depot and Madison County Schools Partner for School Bus Summer Storage

RICHMOND, Ky. — Blue Grass Army Depot (BGAD) and Madison County Schools partnered this week on a no-cost agreement to help ensure the District's objective to keep their school buses secure during the summer season. On May 31, approximately 11 percent of the buses were transferred to the Depot.

“We're thrilled to partner with the Depot,” reports Shane Lakes, the school system's Director of Transportation. “Like all school districts, our bus fleet represents a large financial consideration. So we make every effort to keep them not only in good running order and safe for the students, but also to keep them in local parking areas with a good-to-high level of security during summer. I'd say we've reached a new level of security, thanks to Depot Commander Colonel Fochs. He made this a very easy process.”

Because of its storage of chemical weapons and conventional munitions, BGAD ranks among the highest security military installations in the country, with a large contingent of armed security guards as well as its own police force. In addition, a state-of-the-art entry system ensures no persons with outstanding warrants or criminal records gain access.

“This was an easy win-win,” says Colonel Fochs. “We're always looking for ways to better support the local community, particularly if it involves supporting the school district or students. So I'm very pleased that Mr. Lakes thought of the Depot. I'm proud to look out my window and see — for the first time — a row of yellow school buses. It's a nice change from Army green or desert sand!”

