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M.S.D. of Warren County Energy Conservation Efforts Result in Utility Bill Savings

Williamsport, Indiana (April 13, 2009) M.S.D. of Warren County received their fourth annual energy savings report at its regular board meeting Monday night from Performance Services, Inc. Shana Lopez, Performance Assurance Analyst with Performance Services, presented the report.

School buildings included in the project were Seeger Jr./Sr. High School, Warren Central, Pine Village, and Williamsport Elementary Schools. Energy savings resulting from reduced energy usage amounted to \$674,873 for four years, which exceeded the guaranteed energy savings by 112%. In addition, 1,879 metric tons of greenhouse gas was eliminated to benefit the environment.

The school district implemented a guaranteed energy savings contract project to evaluate energy performance. The project included installing high efficiency boilers at all schools, upgrading the chillers at Seeger Jr. - Sr. High School and Pine Village Elementary, and updating the building control software at all schools. A new web-based digital controls workstation provided the school system with the ability to remotely monitor and optimize classroom and facility temperatures. Perry Allen, HVAC technician, leads the facility management efforts at the school district.

In addition to energy savings, the buildings are healthier for students and staff. Appropriate amounts of outside air are being brought in to keep CO₂ levels below 1000 parts per million. Keeping CO₂ levels consistently low helps students and staff to be alert, thereby creating a more optimal learning environment. Additionally, humidity levels are controlled to eliminate the risk for mold growth or other health related issues.

"During these tough financial times, it is reassuring to know that we have the experience and professionalism of Performance Services to help us find ways to conserve energy and reduce costs. As a new superintendent, I could not ask for a better partnership," said Ralph Shrader, Superintendent.

"Working in collaboration with the M.S.D. of Warren County to improve their buildings' learning environment for students and staff, lower the schools' energy costs, and reduce carbon emissions and pollutions through reduced energy usage, has been very rewarding. The M.S.D. of Warren County's efforts to create efficiencies in order to lower their long term operating costs shows prudence and foresight in these difficult economic times," said Tim Thoman, President of Performance Services, an ENERGY STAR partner.

Performance Services is an Indiana-based design build company that specializes in new construction and renovating schools to deliver optimal learning environments through both the Guaranteed Savings Contract and Design-Build procurement methods. The company has provided energy solutions to K-12 schools for 10 years and is the leading service provider of guaranteed energy savings projects, renewable energy solutions, and ENERGY STAR labeled schools in Indiana. To learn more about earning the ENERGY STAR and for a complete list of ENERGY STAR labeled schools, visit www.performanceservices.com

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