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Mississinewa Community Schools Energy Conservation Efforts Result in Utility Bill Savings

Gas City, Indiana December 15, 2008. Mississinewa Community Schools received their annual energy savings report at its regular board meeting last night from Performance Services, Inc. Highlights in the report noted cumulative utility bill savings of \$202,095 for a 2-year period for the high school and a cumulative 6-year utility savings totaling \$81,269 at R. J. Baskett middle school. Shana Lopez, Performance Assurance Analyst with Performance Services, presented the report.

For the reporting year August 1, 2007 to July 31, 2008, the R.J. Baskett Middle School reduced gas usage by 40% and the High School reduced electric usage by 49%. The total combined actual energy savings for the annual reporting period was \$117,285. In addition, 2.7 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 and installed more efficient HVAC systems, digital controls and new lighting systems. A new web-based digital controls workstation provided the school system with the ability to remotely monitor and optimize classroom and facility temperatures in order to synchronize with classroom occupancy and school events. Ted Gosser, Transportation and Maintenance, 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. CO₂ levels above 1000 parts per million or ppm, may cause grogginess and lethargy. 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.

"It's been a pleasure to work with Mississinewa schools and the facilities staff. It's rewarding to work collaboratively to create an optimal learning environment for every student, lower energy costs and help the environment by reducing carbon emissions." 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 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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