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## **Beech Grove City Schools Earns the ENERGY STAR®**

**Beech Grove, Indiana.** Central Elementary School has earned the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) prestigious ENERGY STAR® award, the national symbol for superior energy efficiency and environmental protection. This is the first school for the corporation that has earned the ENERGY STAR award. In the past 12 months of operation, the school saved \$24,076 in utility cost and is 36% more efficient. The energy savings resulted in a reduction of 106 metric tons of greenhouse gas to benefit the environment.

Phil Wagoner, Director of Operations said, "During these tough economic times we have to do everything we can to reduce the dollars we spend on energy. It's been a pleasure working with Performance Services on this project to help us improve building performance and achieve ENERGY STAR at Central Elementary."

To earn the ENERGY STAR, the administration and facilities staff of Beech Grove City Schools partnered with Performance Services, an Indianapolis design-build engineering company specializing in energy savings for K-12 public schools. Performance Services examined the digital controls at Central Elementary and reprogrammed the HVAC system. Additionally, the old boilers used for heating were replaced with high efficiency boilers. Schools that earn the ENERGY STAR use less energy than most buildings and release fewer greenhouse gas emissions into the atmosphere. Indoor air quality standards are part of the qualification process that must be certified by a professional engineer.

Dr. Paul Kaiser, superintendent said, "Earning ENERGY STAR is very exciting and demonstrates our commitment to savings and reducing cost. Every dollar we save is critically important. The entire facilities team has done an exceptional job in this ongoing endeavor. The ENERGY STAR recognition is a tangible symbol of our commitment to our fiduciary duty that does not come at the expense of a quality learning environment for our students and staff."

"It's our pleasure to work with Dr. Paul Kaiser and the entire facilities staff at Beech Grove City Schools. It's rewarding to support their ongoing energy conservation efforts and create a quality learning environment for every student," said Tim Thoman, President of Performance Services, an ENERGY STAR partner.

For more information about Beech Grove City Schools, visit <http://www.bgcs.k12.in.us>

Performance Services is an Indianapolis-based design-build engineering company that specializes in constructing and renovating schools and renovating universities to deliver optimal learning environments through both the Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract and Design-Build procurement methods. Innovative wind power and geothermal systems are integral to the energy services portfolio. The company has provided energy solutions to schools for more than 12 years and is the leading service provider of guaranteed energy savings projects and ENERGY STAR labeled schools in Indiana. To learn more, visit [www.performanceservices.com](http://www.performanceservices.com).