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Robinson CUSD #2 Becomes the 99th Illinois K-12 School to Earn the ENERGY STAR® Label

Robinson, Illinois. Nuttall Middle School has become the 99th school in Illinois to earn the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prestigious ENERGY STAR® award, the national symbol for superior energy efficiency and environmental protection. Robinson joins an elite group of schools with less than 3% of Illinois K-12 schools having earned the distinction. Nuttall Middle School is now 62% more efficient based on utility bills for the reporting period of 2009-2011. Performance Services is scheduled to present the Energy Star award plaque at the January 17th school board meeting.

Josh Quick, superintendent said, "Earning the ENERGY STAR is very exciting and demonstrates our commitment to savings and reducing energy-related costs. Every dollar we save is critically important. I commend our Board of Education for having the foresight to initiate the partnership with Performance Services. Working as a team on these projects, we have not only realized significant financial savings due to reduced energy usage but have also provided a safe and comfortable learning environment for our students and staff. The ENERGY STAR recognition is a tangible symbol of these accomplishments."

To earn the ENERGY STAR, the administration and facilities staff of Robinson CUSD #2 partnered with Performance Services, a design-build engineering company specializing in guaranteeing energy savings and optimal learning environments for K-12 public schools. Performance Services designed and installed a comprehensive HVAC solution with an integrated control system platform. Energy usage is measured and verified each month as part of the agreement that includes an energy savings performance guarantee. During the past 32 months of operation, the school saved \$113,779, equivalent to 340,757 kilowatts and 71,366 natural gas therms. The energy savings also resulted in a reduction of 592 metric tons of greenhouse gas to benefit the environment, equivalent to powering 47 homes for an entire year. 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.

"It's our pleasure to work with Josh Quick, as well as the administration and facilities staff at Robinson CUSD #2. It's rewarding to support Illinois schools with their energy conservation efforts and provide a quality learning environment for students," said Tim Thoman, President of Performance Services, an ENERGY STAR partner.

For more information about Robinson CUSD #2 Schools, visit <http://www.robinsonschoools.com/unit2/>

Performance Services is a design-build engineering company that specializes in constructing and renovating schools and renovating universities and healthcare facilities to deliver optimal 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 customers since 1998 and is the leading qualified service provider of guaranteed energy savings projects and ENERGY STAR labeled schools in Indiana. To learn more, visit www.performanceservices.com.