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### **Topeka Elementary School is a Northern ENERGY STAR®**

**Topeka, Indiana** 10/21/2008. Topeka Elementary of Westview School Corporation has earned the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) prestigious ENERGY STAR®, the national symbol for superior energy efficiency and environmental protection. Topeka Elementary is distinguished as the northern most school in Indiana to achieve this high level of efficiency and is one of just 25 Indiana K-12 schools with the ENERGY STAR rating.

To earn the ENERGY STAR label, Westview Schools partnered with Performance Services (PSI), an Indiana-based design-build company that specializes in energy savings projects in K-12 Schools. "We are very pleased that Topeka Elementary School has earned the ENERGY STAR designation. Through the efforts of Barry McIntire and Maynard Mast, the HVAC system designed and installed by Performance Services is operating very well. The energy savings means more money is available for educational programs and also helps our environment," said Randy Zimmerly, Superintendent. Jim Hostetler, Director of Buildings, Grounds and Transportation added, "An ownership attitude made a difference here. Our efficient equipment and digital controls are monitored and well managed by our facilities staff."

Schools and commercial buildings that earn the ENERGY STAR use less energy than most buildings and release less carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. Topeka Elementary has saved \$149,763 in total energy costs since the renovation in 2004 and is 40% more energy efficient today. It has also prevented greenhouse gas emissions of 433 metric tons, equivalent to the electricity use of 57 homes for an entire year.\*

"It's our pleasure to work with Topeka Elementary and Westview Schools. It's rewarding to provide our services to create a quality learning environment for every student, to lower energy costs, and to reduce the affect on the environment," said Tim Thoman, President of Performance Services, an ENERGY STAR partner. The company has provided energy solutions to Indiana schools for 10 years and is the leading provider of guaranteed energy savings contracts in Indiana with over 75 successful design-build school projects.

For more information about Topeka Elementary, visit [www.westview.k12.in.us](http://www.westview.k12.in.us)  
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