

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Avon Community School Corporation Earns ENERGY STAR® Level Building Performance**

**Avon, Indiana.** Avon Community School Corporation has received notification from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for Energy Star certification of four elementary buildings, including Maple Elementary, Pine Tree Elementary, Sycamore Elementary and White Oak Elementary schools. These four buildings are now distinguished among the top public school buildings in the state and nation for superior energy performance. Today, less than an estimated 8% of Indiana school buildings have achieved the Energy Star label of superior energy efficiency. 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 also an important part of the qualification criteria that must be certified by a professional engineer.

Avon Superintendent, Dr. Timothy Ogle, expressed his excitement over the news, “We are so pleased with the superior results we’ve achieved through energy savings. This outcome is due to a concerted effort among all staff members to be cost conscious and help the district be frugal in its energy expenses. Every dollar saved is a dollar that can go back into the classroom and help maintain the Avon academic standard.”

To earn the Energy Star, Avon Schools worked with Performance Services, an Indianapolis company specializing in energy savings and optimal learning environments for K-12 public schools. Two guaranteed energy savings renovation projects at Avon Schools in 2000 and 2006 resulted in actual energy savings of 29 percent and \$2,744,871 for the nine year reporting period from July 2001 to December 2010. The scope of these projects, in addition to the four elementary schools, included renovation work at Avon Middle School South, Avon Intermediate East and Avon High School. The total greenhouse gas eliminated with these two projects was 23,485 metric tons, equivalent to the electrical use of 2,000 homes for one year.

“We’ve appreciated our collaborative relationship with Avon Schools over the past 11 years and we are thankful that four of their schools where we are guaranteeing energy savings have received national recognition for energy efficiency. It has been a team effort and they have a strong team that has contributed significantly to this achievement. We are confident that Avon High School, which we are currently upgrading, will achieve Energy Star efficiency within the next year. As part of these renovations, we have also focused on delivering a quality learning environment for every student, which is another requirement to achieve Energy Star certification,” said Tim Thoman, President of Performance Services, an Energy Star partner.

For more information about Avon Community School Corporation, visit <http://avon-schools.org/>

Performance Services is an Indianapolis based design-build engineering company that specializes in constructing and renovating schools, 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 schools since 1998 and is the leading service provider of guaranteed energy savings projects and Energy Star labeled schools in Indiana. For more information, visit [www.performanceservices.com](http://www.performanceservices.com) .