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NORTH MONTGOMERY COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION RECEIVES THE ENERGY STAR AWARD

Crawfordsville, Indiana. The North Montgomery Community School Corporation received notification from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that Northridge Middle School, Lester B. Sommer Elementary, Pleasant Hill Elementary and Sugar Creek Elementary have all received the Energy Star label. These four buildings are now distinguished among the top public school buildings in the state and nation for superior energy performance and indoor air quality. To qualify for the Energy Star, schools must rank in the top 25% of energy efficient schools with similar building characteristics. Schools that earn the Energy Star label 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.

Director of Business and Transportation, Mr. Jim McBee, expressed his excitement over the news, "We are very pleased with the news. This outcome is due to hard work from our Maintenance Supervisor Gary Dale, and effort from all staff members to be conscious of their energy usage. Now we have confirmation from the EPA that we are among the most efficient schools in the nation."

To earn the Energy Star, North Montgomery Community School Corporation worked with Performance Services, an Indianapolis company specializing in construction, energy savings and optimal learning environments. A renovation project in 2010 resulted in actual energy savings of \$287,787 for an almost three year reporting period from April 2011 through December 31, 2014.

"We appreciate our relationship with North Montgomery Community School Corporation and are excited they have received national recognition and the Energy Star award. A strong team effort contributed significantly to this achievement. As part of our energy renovations, we have also focused on delivering a quality learning environment, which is another requirement to achieve Energy Star certification," said Tim Thoman, President of Performance Services, an Energy Star partner.

Performance Services is an Indiana-based, integrated design and delivery company that specializes in constructing and renovating schools, universities and healthcare facilities to deliver high performing buildings with optimal environments. Innovative renewable energy systems are integral to the services portfolio. The company has provided energy solutions to customers since 1998 and is a leading qualified provider of design-build, guaranteed energy savings projects, Energy Leadership programs and Energy Star labeled schools. For more information, visit www.performanceservices.com.

To learn more about North Montgomery Community School Corporation, visit <http://www.nm.k12.in.us/>

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