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Solar Panels Reduce Energy Costs for Covington Independent Public Schools

Covington, KY. Covington Independent Public Schools' will host a ribbon cutting event at their board meeting on January 25 to celebrate the completion of two solar arrays at the District. The solar arrays will save the District an estimated \$48,000 each year in electrical costs. 480 kilowatts (kW) of roof-top mounted solar panels were installed at John G. Carlisle Elementary School and the Science Building at Holmes High School and fully energized in October 2017. The solar arrays have improved the District's energy efficiency and environmental quality.

"The return on the district's investment into solar is already evident with the reduction in electrical costs," said Covington Superintendent Alvin Garrison. "Over time the savings could amount to millions of dollars in reduced costs."

Through a net metering agreement with Duke Energy, Covington Schools' solar panels will produce an estimated 608,000 kWh of power annually. The solar arrays are part of a larger guaranteed energy savings project that the District completed with Performance Services, a company specializing in the construction and renovation of K-12 schools that produce optimal learning environments. The guaranteed energy savings project meets the energy, efficiency and safety needs of the District Facility Plan approved by the School Board in January 2016.

"Covington's School Board should be very proud of their achievement in reducing energy costs for their District," said Ryan Stout, Performance Services National Solar Developer. "As solar energy is becoming more and more cost-effective, innovative school districts are recognizing it as a viable way to reduce their energy costs and their carbon footprint at the same time."

Performance Services is an Indiana-based, design and construction company serving K-12 schools, universities and municipal government to deliver high performing buildings with optimal environments. Solar energy systems are integral to its 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.

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