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## Sunman-Dearborn Community Schools Saves Energy and Reduces Cost

**St. Leon, IN.** Sunman-Dearborn Community Schools will receive their third annual energy savings report at its regular board meeting on March 12, 2015, from Performance Services, Inc. Highlights in the report will note energy savings of \$577,703 for a three-year timeframe from January 2012 to December 2014 for East Central High School, Sunman-Dearborn Middle School, Bright Elementary School, North Dearborn Elementary School and Sunman Elementary School. Combined the schools have reduced their electric usage by 6.4 million kWh and 140,394 therms, which has resulted in a reduction 5,186 metric tons of greenhouse gas. This equates to annual emissions from 28 railcars worth of coal. Shana Lopez, Performance Assurance Analyst with Performance Services, will present the report.

To accomplish these results, Sunman-Dearborn Community Schools implemented an energy program and renovated their facilities through the use of a guaranteed energy savings contract project. This included an evaluation of energy performance. "We are happy with the results of this energy savings project. Our corporation is always looking for ways to save more in these challenging times. This project helped us achieve this goal, and we will continue to benefit from these efficiencies for many years," said Tom Harris, Director of Support Services.

"It's been a pleasure to work with Sunman-Dearborn Community Schools and the facilities staff. It's rewarding to work collaboratively to create a better environment for students, lower energy costs, and help the environment by reducing carbon emissions. We look forward to continuing our work with the corporation to optimize savings and comfort," said Tim Thoman, President of Performance Services, an ENERGY STAR Partner.

Performance Services is an Indianapolis-based integrated design and delivery company that specializes in constructing and renovating schools, universities and healthcare facilities to deliver optimal environments and high performance buildings. Innovative renewable systems are integral to the energy 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](http://www.performanceservices.com).

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