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## Solar to Provide Clean, Renewable Energy for Oak Hill United School Corporation

**Converse, IN.** Oak Hill United School Corporation has installed two ground mounted solar arrays at the Oak Hill Senior High School (643 kilowatts-dc) and Oak Hill Junior High School (1.26 megawatt-dc) and new LED lighting that is expected to generate a combined 2.5 million kilowatt hours of clean, renewable energy and offset approximately 80% combined electrical usage at the two buildings. The project is made possible by a guaranteed energy savings contract which will result in an estimated cumulative net energy savings of \$6.3 million over 30 years. The project, which was approved by the school board on August 14, 2017, is now complete and the solar panels are energized.

Oak Hill United School Corporation was looking for ways to reduce electrical costs at their school buildings, and after a competitive process the school board selected Performance Services to implement a \$4.8 million energy savings project. The project will reduce the Corporation's carbon footprint. The energy produced by the solar array will reduce greenhouse gas by 1,877 metric tons annually, equivalent to the electricity needed to power an estimated 203 homes in a single year.

"We are pleased that our school board members have unanimously supported moving forward with this solar and LED lighting project. The expertise and experience of Performance Services gives us much confidence as we move forward. The financial projections for the Oak Hill Junior and Senior High School solar project show significant positive impact on our future finances," said Joel Martin, Superintendent.

In addition, a comprehensive solar curriculum program developed by the National Energy Education Development (NEED) project and sponsored by Performance Services is available to the Corporation for use in the classroom.

"This is an important extension of our value proposition for schools to provide high performing, energy efficient buildings that provide optimal learning environments," said Tim Thoman, President and CEO of Performance Services. "The available education component reinforces our commitment to education and renewable energy in a way that directly benefits students by engaging and teaching how their own school's solar-generated electricity systems work."

**Oak Hill United School Corporation** is a K-12 school corporation located in Converse, Indiana. Composed of three Elementary Schools, one Jr. High School, and one High School, Oak Hill serves approximately 1,300 students. The mission of the Oak Hill United School Corporation is to work together with the community to empower each student with the knowledge, skills, and high standards which prepare them to be successful, contributing members of a changing global society. Visit [www.ohusc.k12.in.us](http://www.ohusc.k12.in.us).

**Performance Services** is an integrated design and delivery company that specializes in constructing and renovating education and municipal facilities to deliver high performing buildings with optimal environments. Innovative renewable 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.

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