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Greendale's Middle and High Schools Earn ENERGY STAR Certification; Outperform Similar U.S. Buildings on Measure of Energy Efficiency

Greendale, WI – Greendale Schools announced that Greendale Middle School, 6800 Schoolway, and Greendale High School, 6801 Southway, both in Greendale, Wisconsin, have earned the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) ENERGY STAR® certification for superior energy performance.

“Improving the energy efficiency of our nation's buildings is critical to protecting our environment, “ said Jean Lupinacci, Chief of the ENERGY STAR Commercial & Industrial Branch. “From the boiler room to the board room, organizations are leading the way by making their buildings more efficient and earning EPA's ENERGY STAR certification.”

ENERGY STAR certified buildings and plants are verified to perform in the top 25 percent of buildings nationwide, based on weather-normalized source energy use that takes into account occupancy, hours of operation, and other key metrics. ENERGY STAR is the only energy efficiency certification in the United States that is based on actual, verified energy performance.

“We are honored to earn the ENERGY STAR for superior energy performance in our school buildings and appreciate the efforts of everyone who has been involved in their efficient operation,” said Brian Koffarnus, Director of Buildings and Grounds for Greendale Schools. “Saving energy is just one of the ways we show our community we care, and that we are committed to doing our part to protect the environment and public health, both today and for future generations.”

Koffarnus credits several energy-efficiency projects that the District has completed over the years to accomplish its Energy Savings Goal. These include new interior and exterior LED lighting, classroom light dimmers, adding digital HVAC controls, adding variable frequency drives to HVAC motors, proper building scheduling, solar heated domestic hot water and solar heater for the High School pool to name a few.

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“Brian (Koffarnus) and his staff have worked hard to put systems in place to reduce energy usage and therefore have saved us on costs,” said Todd Hajewski, Director of Business Services. “Our District has a history of focusing on sustainability and efficiency with our systems. Our goal is to save money on utility costs and other areas that do not affect student achievement and redirect those dollars back into the classroom.”

On average, ENERGY STAR certified buildings and plants use 35 percent less energy, cause 35 percent fewer greenhouse gas emissions, and are less expensive to operate than their peers—all without sacrifices in performance or comfort.

To date, tens of thousands of buildings and plants across all fifty states have earned the ENERGY STAR. For more information about ENERGY STAR for Buildings and Plants, visit www.energystar.gov/buildings

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ABOUT GREENDALE SCHOOLS:

Established in 1938, Greendale Schools is home to more than 2,600 students. The District prides itself in providing an outstanding education for all students from Kindergarten through twelfth grade at Greendale High School, Greendale Middle School, and three elementary schools (Canterbury, College Park and Highland View). Greendale Schools, in partnership with students, families, and the community, is committed to developing leadership, creativity, and educational excellence. By creating multiple opportunities for learning, each student’s unique abilities are developed to achieve success and contribute positively to our global society.