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# Fulton County Recognized for ENERGY STAR Schools

*Fulton County Schools’ Energy Savings Efforts Pay Off*

**Hickman, KY** – Fulton County was recognized for achieving ENERGY STAR certifications for 2 of their schools at the district’s September 27th board meeting. The district received this recognition after implementing a variety of energy and maintenance savings techniques that provide energy savings, as well as a more comfortable and safe environment for students and staff.

In an article by *The Current’s*Barbara Atwill, Superintendent Aaron Collins said “We are on the upper level in terms of what we are receiving in cash back for that work. We are about $10,000 over what we anticipated in savings. It has been a good program for us and again the high school building leads the way in terms of what they are doing for energy savings. The District has avoiding paying $133,435 because of the program and energy savings is $11,919 more than the goal of $44,000.”

To earn the ENERGY STAR awards, the district partnered with Harshaw Trane, an energy services company based in Louisville, Kentucky. By leveraging the relationship with Harshaw, the district ensured that the facility’s systems would remain optimized to sustain and further grow savings opportunities.

Commercial buildings that earn the ENERGY STAR label use an average of 35 percent less energy than typical buildings and also release 35 percent less carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. By joining the Intelligent Services program in 2016, the district has saved over $130,000 in energy and operational cost avoidance. This equates to:

* Electric Usage Savings – 82,00 kWh
* Natural Gas Usage Savings – 29,000 ccf

The environmental impact, calculated using U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) data:

* 779 Equivalent Metric-Tons of Carbon Dioxide
* 253 Passenger cars not driven for one year
* 2,709 Barrels of oil not burned
* 150 Households’ worth of electricity use for one year
* 10 Acres of trees preserved from deforestation

“I’ve been working directly with the District for just under a year, yet in that time I’ve been very impressed with the passion Mr. Collins and Mr. Jackson have for operating the facilities as efficiently as possible without sacrificing Pilot comfort,” said Larry Davis, Account Manager for Harshaw Trane. “My Harshaw Trane team and I are very grateful to be a part of this achievement, and we’re looking forward to continued success in reducing energy and operating costs for Fulton County Schools.”

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