

Marshfield School District Reduces Energy Use by 28 Percent

-District saves over \$63,000 annually from energy saving measures-

Marshfield, Wis. (August 1, 2011) – In a time when many schools are faced with tough budget decisions, Marshfield has found ways to save the school district money. CESA 10, the Cooperative Educational Service Agency based in Chippewa Falls, has helped the district save \$63,817 in the last twelve months alone. The district has averted over \$224,900 in energy costs since they began working with CESA 10's Energy Management Team in December 2008.

“Like with homeowners, saving on utilities means that the district has more money for other essential needs. We have been able to use these cost savings for technology upgrades, other areas of maintenance, and general instructional supplies,” said Peg Geegan, District Administrator for the Marshfield School District. “Every penny counts, so we appreciate CESA 10's commitment to helping us with energy conservation and saving money.”

Over the years, the energy managers have listened to the needs of the district and used feedback from the building occupants to help implement appropriate energy projects. Some energy projects completed in the last year include installing a new pool cover at the high school, updating lighting in several buildings, replacing inefficient electric hot water booster heaters with gas heaters in the kitchens, and updating the building automation system.

“The information that CESA 10 provides us is a tremendous asset,” said Ron Sturomski, Director of Buildings and Grounds at Marshfield School District. “I can use it to show the public and the School Board where we're at, where we've been, where we're saving, and where we can go from here.”

“In addition to equipment upgrades and improving system efficiencies, there are many behavioral changes that district staff have made to contribute to energy conservation,” said Melissa Rickert, CESA 10 Energy Manager. “It is important that everyone take responsibility for the energy they use at school.”

For more information on CESA 10’s Energy Management Services, call 715.720.2178 or visit www.cesa10.k12.wi.us/energymanagement.

About CESA 10

CESA 10, located in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, is committed to providing high-quality effective and efficient business services, special education services, professional development and leadership in educational technology and instructional services for the 29 school districts in the region as well as other partner schools. In addition, CESA 10 provides energy management and environmental health and safety services to schools and municipalities statewide. CESA 10 also administers the Focus on Energy Schools and Government program.

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