

Altoona School District Reduces Energy Use by 28 Percent *-District saves over \$68,000 annually from energy saving measures-*

Altoona, Wis. (July 27, 2011) – In a time when many schools are faced with tough budget decisions, Altoona 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 \$68,540 in the last twelve months alone. The district has averted over \$72,500 in energy costs since they began working with CESA 10's Energy Management Team in February 2010.

“As far as the savings is concerned, from the energy management plan, it equaled the cost of a classroom teacher. That is the best news of all, one more teacher to meet the needs of our students,” said Greg Fahrman, District Administrator for Altoona School District.

“Another advantage of the program was that we had very few complaints regarding hot and cold rooms and if there was one it was fixed immediately.”

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: updating equipment schedules to save energy when buildings are unoccupied, adjusting ventilation levels to match actual occupancy, delamping over lit areas, and unplugging appliances over the summer.

“Todd [Wanous, CESA 10 Energy Manager] has been a real asset to me and the school district,” said Greg Johnson, Director of Buildings & Grounds at the School District of Altoona.

“He takes time to show us the finer points of how to save energy and he always points out new things to look at whenever he's in the district.”

“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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