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A Dozen Minnesota Schools are Now Concentrating on Energy Efficiency

White Bear Lake, MN – More schools in Minnesota will be saving money through energy efficiency as a way to tackle the current budget crunch. Four new school districts have joined the Schools for Energy Efficiency™ (SEE) Program in an effort to reduce their utility expenses.

North St. Paul-Maplewood-Oakdale ISD 622, Stillwater Area Schools ISD 834, Mahtomedi School District 832, and Willmar Public Schools ISD 347 will soon begin to make a difference by becoming a part of the SEE Program.

The Schools for Energy Efficiency Program is a systemized plan designed for schools to reduce their energy waste and expenses through a two-pronged approach: efficient facility operations and behavioral changes through energy awareness with staff and students. A goal of the program is to reduce energy use by 10%, so the total annual cost avoidance potential for these districts is \$186,000, \$130,000, \$45,000, and \$80,000 respectively.

Leading the efforts at each district is an energy efficiency coordinator who works to build a network of support for the SEE program at each school. With one point of contact and a systemized plan to help guide schools, this approach has proven extremely successful in pilot districts thus far with an average of 13% savings.

The SEE Program is being implemented by Hallberg Engineering, Inc. of White Bear Lake, Minnesota, a mechanical and electrical engineering firm with over 25 years experience serving Minnesota School Districts. If you have any questions about the SEE program and how it can help schools save energy, contact Sheri Rosenthal, SEE Program Manager, at 651-748-4356.

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