



ENERGY MILESTONE AWARDS

Recognition for school districts in the Schools for Energy Efficiency® (SEE) Program.
Awards presented at Annual SEE Training Conference July 23, 2009.

~ EEC of the Year ~

Nancy Johnson Cambridge-Isanti School District

The Energy Efficiency Coordinator (EEC) of the Year Award is new this year. Although this award could be given to any number of the EECs leading the SEE program in their district, the individual receiving this award stands out as someone who exemplifies what SEE stands for. When the SEE program was initially designed, we talked about what key pieces would make our program successful—besides operational strategies and awareness campaigns and we knew the personal element would be critical to ensuring the program works.

We knew this person had to be familiar with the school district, the individual needed to be respected by district personnel and be comfortable influencing others. Knowledge of energy efficiency would be a plus, but not necessary. We were putting our program in the hands of this individual to implement and manage....not a small task by any means. We felt this person would model energy efficient behavior throughout the schools and be a real advocate for the benefits that the SEE program would bring to their district. We knew this person would be busy....simply getting out all those monthly core communication pieces would be a feat...but that is what makes an EEC successful. It is the commitment to the program and the commitment to their school district. Congratulations, Nancy!

~ Joe Hallberg, President of Energy Efficiency Programs, Inc.

Director of Buildings and Grounds, Mark Eisenbacher:

"From the beginning, I felt that Nancy Johnson would be a successful EEC. Having completed a successful 30 plus year career as a highly respected educator in Cambridge Isanti School district, Nancy was looking for a new challenge. While admitting that she knew little about energy conservation strategies in the beginning, Nancy quickly learned the ropes with training and support from the SEE program support staff and worked effectively with our Buildings and Grounds department to implement energy strategies that have produced significant results for our district. Her strong communication skills, as well as her ability to organize and deliver a positive, motivational message, have been important to the success of our energy program at Cambridge Isanti School district. I am so pleased to hear that Nancy Johnson has been selected as the first recipient to receive this award and am thankful for our relationship with the SEE Program to help us on our journey to integrate energy conservation strategies throughout our school district."



Nancy was honored with a plaque made out of recycled granite which will be passed along each year to the EEC who receives this award and will remain with that individual throughout that school year.

Bruce Novak, Superintendent of the Cambridge-Isanti schools:

"The success of the SEE Program in Cambridge-Isanti is directly attributed to Nancy Johnson. Nancy's personal belief and commitment to energy conservation is something she lives and models daily and is evident in her message to all staff and students throughout our school district. I am extremely grateful that she is on our team at Cambridge-Isanti, and I cannot think of a more deserving individual for this honor and award. Thank you, Nancy."

Becky Sass, SEE Program Consultant working with Cambridge-Isanti schools:

"From the moment I met Nancy I knew she was special. In fact, my first meeting with her was at a Cambridge-Isanti ENERGY STAR awards reception. The Cambridge-Isanti district center was filled with people to celebrate the district's success, but maybe most impressive was the amount of support Nancy had...from SEE squad children, to the building operators, to a teaching peer who came to the celebration to cut cake and support her friend. WOW. Nancy has always held the belief that if you follow the SEE plan, the results will come and creating strong relationships along the way will only solidify your efforts."