

Hortonville Area School District Saves over \$108,000 from Energy Saving Measures

Hortonville, Wis. (Dec 13, 2013) – Schools today face a litany of decisions when it comes to their budgets. With all those decisions to be made, Hortonville School District has found ways to save the school district money by conserving energy. Cooperative Educational Service Agency (CESA) 10 based in Chippewa Falls, has helped the district save \$108,108 between June 2012 and May 2013. The district began working with CESA 10's Energy Management Team in May 2012.

“The CESA 10 Energy Managers have been extremely easy to work with,” said Tim Diestler, Director of Facilities. “It has been very helpful to have another set of eyes looking at our Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning systems and checking our occupied schedules. After each visit they make at the facilities, we talk about any improvements that can be made to save additional energy and we as a district can move forward with the ones that make sense to us.”

Over the last year, the CESA 10 Energy Managers have listened to the needs of the district and used feedback from the building occupants to help implement appropriate energy projects. Energy projects completed in the last year include optimizing the Building Automation System controls to increase overall system efficiency in all five buildings, installed and properly programmed several variable frequency drives at Hortonville Middle School and decreased over lit areas where appropriate.

“CESA 10 has made all of our staff aware of what they can do to reduce our energy costs. Seeing savings of \$108,000 in the first year shows what individual buildings did to aid the effort,” said Dr. Heidi Schmidt, District Administrator. “Our new elementary school will be built with many energy efficiencies and for the 2013-14 school year, the district will continue to look at ways to reduce energy consumption.”

While an expert facilities Energy Manager makes sure the building is operating as efficiently as possible, a Behavioral Energy Manager helps to change the entire energy culture by working with building users,” said Melissa Rickert, CESA 10 Certified Energy Manager. “Anyone can turn off a light and save energy; it's the habit of turning off lights, and other energy conservation behaviors that save money.”

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About CESA 10

CESA 10 is a non-profit educational agency providing facilities management services to assist school districts and governments reduce energy costs, practice sustainable initiatives, become more energy efficient, and provide a safe and healthy environment for staff, students and community members. CESA 10 is actively looking for future partnerships for its Energy Management Services, and has saved over \$5 million in energy costs since the Energy Management program inception in 2004. CESA 10 is committed to helping the school districts of Wisconsin save millions more in energy costs moving forward. For more information on CESA 10's Energy Management, Owner's Representative/Project Management, Performance Contracting and Environmental Health and Safety Services, please call 888-947-4701 or visit www.cesa10.k12.wi.us/fm.