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Highland-Goffe's Falls Elementary School Earns *ENERGY STAR Label*

Manchester, NH - - The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has announced that the Highland-Goffe's Falls Elementary School in Manchester has earned the *ENERGY STAR label*. The label is a mark of excellence and certifies that Highland-Goffe's Falls Elementary School has scored in the top 25% when benchmarked against similar buildings across the United States for energy efficiency. The school scored an 84 out of a possible 100.

Manchester Mayor, and School Board Chairman, Ted Gatsas began, "This is quite an achievement for the City of Manchester. The significance of these savings is twofold: we have achieved sustainable cost savings that we can pass onto the taxpayer and the students here at Highland-Goffe's Falls School are learning about better energy practices that they can bring home."

In the summer of 2009 Highland-Goffe's Falls Elementary School was extensively renovated to achieve the *ENERGY STAR label*. The following energy efficiency improvements were made:

- ✓ Installation of 2 heat recovery systems mounted on the roof with carbon dioxide fan controls;
- ✓ An energy management system;
- ✓ T-5 fluorescent lighting with motion/occupancy sensors in classrooms, cafeteria, gymnasium, and hallway space;
- ✓ Building envelope improvements that include roof insulation exceeding mandated code, insulated ceilings, and exterior doors in the stair areas and;
- ✓ Behavior modification including the implementation of Manchester School District energy policy that mandating 68°F for heated areas.

EPA New England Regional Administrator Curt Spalding congratulated Manchester on this achievement, stating "Making schools energy efficient can save school districts 30% or more on their energy bills each year. These measures make the learning environments more comfortable and productive and reduce greenhouse gases."

"This is the first time we have achieved the *ENERGY STAR label* in Manchester and we will continue to apply for the recognition as we complete renovations at city schools and municipal buildings. We've proved we can do it effectively, efficiently and to the benefit of everyone," concluded Kevin O'Maley, Chief Facilities Manager for the City of Manchester.