

# **EPA NAMES Whitefish Bay School District**

## **2009 ENERGY STAR® PARTNER OF THE YEAR**

***Whitefish Bay School District earns award for protecting the environment through energy efficiency***

Whitefish Bay, WI, 3/3/09 – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has named Whitefish Bay School District as a 2009 ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year for outstanding energy management and reductions in greenhouse gas emissions. Whitefish Bay School District's accomplishments will be recognized at an awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. on March 31, 2009.

Whitefish Bay School District, an ENERGY STAR partner since 2008, will be honored for strategic energy management and a commitment to save energy across its entire operation that resulted in significant energy and financial savings. Since August 2003, energy usage in the Whitefish Bay School District has been reduced by 22%, generating savings of more than \$1.1 million. Across the United States, top companies and organizations are continuing to promote strategic energy management through participation in ENERGY STAR.

"Managing energy well is critical to our operations," said James Rickabaugh, Superintendent of the Whitefish Bay School District, "Energy efficiency is a cost effective way to contain our energy costs and shrink our carbon footprint."

Last year alone, Americans with the help of ENERGY STAR saved \$19 billion on their energy bills and reduced greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to those of 29 million vehicles.

The 2009 Partner of the Year Awards recognize efforts to use energy efficiently in facility operations and to integrate superior energy management into overall organizational strategy. Award winners are selected from more than 12,000 organizations that participate in the ENERGY STAR program.

"EPA is pleased to recognize Whitefish Bay School District for leadership in addressing global warming through greater energy efficiency," said Kathleen Hogan, Director of the Climate Protection Partnerships Division at the U.S. EPA. "Because commercial and industrial facilities account for about half of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions, Whitefish Bay School District's efforts are vital to protecting our global environment."

### About Whitefish Bay School District

The Whitefish Bay School District, located in southeastern Wisconsin, educates approximately 2,900 students and encompasses two elementary schools, one

middle school, one high school, and a Recreation and Community Education Center. As part of its educational mission, the district has adopted an energy policy to ensure every effort is made to conserve energy and natural resources while exercising sound financial management. In 2003, making this commitment to conserve energy and control rising energy costs, we entered into a partnership with Energy Education Inc., a company that creates and helps implement customized, people-based energy conservation programs. Through our partnership with both Energy Education, Inc. and ENERGY STAR, we have worked to implement a comprehensive energy management plan addressing a number of conservation and efficiency items.

#### About ENERGY STAR

ENERGY STAR was introduced by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in 1992 as a voluntary market-based partnership to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through increased energy efficiency. Today, ENERGY STAR offers businesses and consumers energy-efficient solutions to save energy, money and help protect the environment for future generations. More than 12,000 organizations are ENERGY STAR partners committed to improving the energy efficiency of products, homes, buildings and businesses. For more information about ENERGY STAR, visit [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov) or call toll-free 1-888-STAR-YES (1-888-782-7937).