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### **Ashwaubenon School District Earns Two Federal EPA Energy Awards**

**Ashwaubenon, WI – February 6, 2013** – The Ashwaubenon School District was awarded two federal energy awards from the Environment Protection Agency (EPA) at its January 28<sup>th</sup> School Board meeting. The district won the EPA’s Top Performer Award for achieving an average ENERGY STAR energy performance score of 98 across its portfolio of buildings. It also earned the EPA’s 10% Improvement Award for improving energy efficiency by more than 10 percent compared to a 2009 baseline. Since 2009, the district has saved over \$246,000 in energy costs, allowing it to redirect those funds back into educational programs.

In 2009, the Ashwaubenon School District adopted an energy policy and contracted with Energy Education, Inc. (EEI) to improve energy efficiency. They also partnered with ENERGY STAR at that time. The district’s commitment to energy efficiency earned them EEI’s Award for Energy Stewardship in 2010. This award recognized the district's efforts to implement an innovative, behavior-based energy conservation and management program.

The district continues to recognize the importance of energy efficiency by encouraging students, faculty members, and community members to become involved in its energy management plan. It has also retrofitted its buildings with ENERGY STAR qualified appliances and energy-saving building materials.

The nearly quarter million dollars saved since 2009 equates to the elimination of 1,420 metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions or the planting and growing of 36,330 tree seedlings for ten years.

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Picture caption: Ashwaubenon School District’s Hank Schmitt (right) receives two federal energy awards from John Lampas of Energy Education. Inc.

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