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Todd County Schools Honored with Environmental Stewardship Award *District saves over \$300,000 in energy costs*

Louisville, Ky. (February 3, 2009) – Todd County Schools has made a positive contribution to the environment while improving the quality of education for students.

To date, the school district has saved \$322,209 in energy costs and reduced annual greenhouse gas emissions by 5,056 tons. This is the equivalent of:

- 1,094 cars not driven for one year
- 11,758 barrels of oil not burned
- 649 household's electricity use for one year
- 41 acres of forest saved from deforestation
- And saving more than \$400,000 in energy costs over the past three years

In recognition of this achievement, the district has been honored with the Harshaw Trane Environmental Stewardship Award. This award recognizes organizations that demonstrate leadership in energy efficiency.

"We are pleased to be honored with this environmental stewardship award from Trane. As a district we are committed to reducing our energy costs while also protecting our environment. Through our partnership with Trane we have been able to move closer to fulfilling that commitment," said Superintendent Michael Kenner.

Recent reports estimate that during fiscal years 2004-2006 natural gas and electricity costs in Kentucky K-12 schools increased 30%, equaling \$27 million.

"KRS 45A.352 (or Kentucky Regulations) allows K-12 school districts in the Commonwealth to leverage monies currently spent for excess utility usage to purchase facility improvements that positively impact the learning environment in schools. Four years ago, Todd County Schools was dealing with a litany of comfort problems and excessive energy and operational costs. The district selected Trane as its partner to work together to create a project that would increase classroom comfort and address deteriorating facilities in the district, while paying for itself with energy and operational savings over a 15-year period.

"The energy reduction and facility enhancement program that Todd County Schools and Trane implemented four years ago has been a tremendous success," said Justin Kubly, Trane Services and Contracting Leader. "The district has already saved over \$320,000 in its operating budget over the last three years. Improvements to the HVAC system at Todd County Middle School and Todd Central High School have created a much more comfortable environment, while paying for themselves with lower utility bills. Other improvements at North and South Todd Elementary Schools, along with a district-wide building automation system have allowed the district to streamline the performance of its buildings."

Harshaw Trane is a long time partner and advisor to Kentucky school districts. Since 1976, Harshaw Trane has been providing building comfort solutions through innovative Trane systems, building automation, service programs, energy management and comprehensive solutions. Today, over 300 associates, in five locations, Lexington, Louisville, Bowling Green, Fort Knox and Evansville, Indiana are committed to making facilities in Kentucky and southern Indiana High Performance Buildings for Life. Harshaw Trane is a founding member of the U.S. Green Building Council Kentucky Chapter.

The award will be presented during a ceremony Monday, February 9, 2009 at the Todd County Board of Education, 205 Airport Road • Elkton, KY 42220. Members of the Todd County Board of Education and school administrators are expected to be in attendance.

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