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TO: BOARD MEMBERS

FROM: TREVOR HERNDON, DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES

DATE: 2-3-2022

RE: ENERGY STAR CERTIFICATION AT FREEDOM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND INDIAN HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Dear Board members,

I'm pleased to tell you that Freedom Elementary School and Indian Hills Elementary School have earned the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) ENERGY STAR certification for superior energy efficiency. This recognition is awarded to buildings that outperform 75 percent of similar buildings nationwide. This is the second year in a row that we have earned The ENERGY STAR at Freedom Elementary. (3rd time overall) This is the second time we have earned ENERGY STAR at Indian Hills Elementary.

We're in good company: More than half of FORTUNE100 companies participate in the EPA's ENERGY STAR program, and tens thousands of buildings have earned the ENERGY STAR. This recognition represents the diligent work of our energy management team to save money and reduce operating costs through industry best practices and careful attention to energy performance each month. The savings are real. In fact, the ENERGY STAR is the only energy efficiency certification that is based on actual, verified energy performance. Studies have shown that ENERGY STAR certified buildings:

- Have lower operating costs and increased asset value
- Are more marketable and command higher rental rates
- Contribute fewer greenhouse gas emissions to the environment

Moreover, the blue ENERGY STAR label is recognized by 90 percent of consumers. By displaying the ENERGY STAR at our facility entrance, we are publicly showcasing our



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commitment to environmental responsibility, and demonstrating that we're doing our part to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and preserve public health today and for future generations. I'm very proud of our company-wide commitment to sustainability. Thank you for your continued support for our energy management program and personnel.

Thank you,
Trevor Herndon
Director of Facilities