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October 9, 2012 – Staunton City Schools Receives EPA Awards

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STAUNTON CITY SCHOOLS RECEIVES EPA AWARDS

October 8, 2012 - Staunton City Schools is proud to join EPA's list of ENERGY STAR Leaders, an elite group of organizations that have improved energy efficiency across entire portfolios of commercial buildings. Last year, President Obama announced a nationwide call to action to make commercial buildings 20 percent more energy efficient by 2020. EPA's ENERGY STAR program provides a strategic pathway toward superior energy efficiency, including a focus on ongoing performance measurement and whole-building improvement, that has helped these leading organizations make meaningful progress toward the President's goal.

ENERGY STAR Leaders must meet one of two energy efficiency improvement milestones. The first milestone requires a 10 percent improvement in energy performance across their entire building portfolio, and subsequent recognition is given for each 10 percent improvement thereafter. The second milestone, known as "top performer," requires the buildings in an organization's portfolio, on average, to perform in the top 25 percent of similar buildings nationwide. To be eligible for ENERGY STAR Leaders recognition, organizations are required to track and submit energy performance data for all buildings and fuel sources through EPA's ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager tool.

Jim Printy, Energy Manager with Staunton City Schools explained, "Staunton City Schools partnered with Energy Education, Inc. in September 2008 to begin a comprehensive energy conservation program. All employees have been educated about our energy usage in the schools, and ways to conserve. The employees have responded positively and conscientiously in following energy guidelines that have been established. Basically we have changed the culture of energy usage in the buildings, with each person taking responsibility for saving and conserving. This has resulted in significant cost savings for our school system and citizens, and reduction in energy usage which benefits our environment. "

"Staunton City Schools is pleased to be named an EPA ENERGY STAR Leader," said Dr. Linda Reviea, School Superintendent. "Through this achievement, we have demonstrated our commitment to environmental stewardship while also lowering our energy costs."