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## Anthony Wayne Local School District Encourages Earth Day Participation

### *Anthony Wayne Local Schools Reduces Energy Consumption 30.10%, Saves \$1,355,649*

Whitehouse, Ohio — While the world celebrates Earth Day this month, the Anthony Wayne Local Schools faculty, staff and students can participate as well, each one with a strong sense of satisfaction at having done his or her part to control energy use.

Anthony Wayne Local Schools has an active energy conservation program that has already achieved more than \$1,355,649 savings through a 30.10% reduction in energy use over the last four years and ten months. That savings translates into significant numbers for Earth Day, too.

Since Anthony Wayne Local Schools began the program, energy consumption has been reduced by 55,983 MMBTUs. That reduction translates into the equivalent of 7,174 tons of carbon dioxide removed from the atmosphere, or 1,288 passenger cars removed from the road, or 183,498 trees planted.

For Earth Day, Anthony Wayne Local Schools plans to continue its efforts, and invites the public to join in. Mr. Bill Baldrige, Energy Education Specialist (EES), said there are a number of resources available on the Internet that can help individuals learn how to save energy in their own homes. (see sidebar)

"It's important for all of us to save energy. While most of the time we discuss it in terms of saving money, for Earth Day we encourage you to be concerned with our natural resources. Being good stewards of both our money and our environment gives us a great sense of satisfaction," said Mr. Baldrige.

The cost of utilities is the second largest budget line-item for Anthony Wayne Local Schools, and the prices for electricity, natural gas, heating oil and water have steadily increased over the past few years. To combat these rising energy and utility costs, the district entered into a partnership with Energy Education to implement a comprehensive people-based energy conservation program throughout all its buildings and campuses. Energy Education guarantees the conservation program will save taxpayer dollars, save jobs and preserve important programs while saving vital natural resources.

Energy Education helps clients manage more than \$1 billion in annual utility costs. The company's innovative Transformational Energy Management® process trains client personnel to implement behavioral and organizational change that substantially reduces energy consumption without the purchase of new equipment. The program is funded solely and rapidly by the savings it generates, allowing clients to redirect saved energy dollars to other priorities. In 25 years, Energy Education has worked with more than 1,100 educational and ministry organizations, helping clients save over \$2.3 billion in utility costs. Energy Education earned the 2011 ENERGY STAR Award for Sustained Excellence and was named 2009 and 2010 ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

#### SIDEBAR:

For more information about Earth Day as well as conservation resources for your home, please visit the following websites:

[www.epa.gov/earthday/](http://www.epa.gov/earthday/) (see "Pick 5 for the Environment" for even more ways to save!)

[www.earthday.org](http://www.earthday.org)

<http://www.teachersfirst.com/holiday/earthday.cfm>

[http://www.educationplanet.com/directory/Science/Environment/Ecology/Earth\\_Day](http://www.educationplanet.com/directory/Science/Environment/Ecology/Earth_Day)

and for general conservation information:

[www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov)

<http://www.planetpals.com/>

[www.michaelbluejay.com/electricity](http://www.michaelbluejay.com/electricity)

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