Baltimore Gas and Electric Company’s (BGE) Smart Energy Savers Program recently teamed up with Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) to help the school district implement a variety of energy efficiency upgrades in 42 of its 56 schools, ultimately saving Harford County more than $443,000 annually in energy costs. BGE and HCPS also teamed up to produce a short video showing how the school system used financial incentives from the BGE Smart Energy Savers Program to implement the energy efficiency upgrades and the positive impact it has had both financially and on the quality of life for students.

The video, which features commentary from HCPS personnel, BGE representatives and Andrew Cassilley, resource conservation manager for HCPS, provides a tour of several schools while speaking in depth about the benefits of various energy efficiency upgrades. Since the spring of 2013, HCPS has been on track to receive more than $1.6 million from the BGE Smart Energy Savers Program to help cover the costs of extensive energy efficiency upgrades.

“This video showcases the incredible work Harford County Public Schools has done to improve energy efficiency in its facilities,” said Bill Wolf, manager of industrial and commercial conservation programs for BGE. “While this video helps to celebrate the hard work both BGE and HCPS put into getting these improvements and upgrades made, it also aims to spread the word about the benefits energy efficiency offers to schools, businesses and homes, while utilizing the financial incentives from the BGE Smart Energy Savers Program.”

HCPS was able to use the financial incentives from the BGE Smart Energy Savers Program to help fund energy-efficient mechanical and electrical improvements in 42 of its 56 schools. The improvements range from new occupancy sensors to high-efficiency ventilation equipment upgrades, significantly helping the school district to reduce energy use and costs. Collectively, the energy efficiency upgrades have reduced...
long-term maintenance costs for HCPS and lowered their carbon footprint by cutting energy usage by more than 4 million kilowatt hours annually.

“How from the beginning, our goal in partnering with BGE was to make our schools more energy efficient, which falls in line with our environmental sustainability initiative,” said Andrew Cassilly, HCPS resource conservation manager. “We met our goal and more. By substantially reducing our operating costs we have been able to create a better learning environment in our schools. This effort has been a win-win for us, for our students and for the residents of Harford County.”

**About BGE’s Smart Energy Savers Program**

The BGE Smart Energy Savers Program offers financial incentives and technical assistance to BGE customers in an effort to promote energy efficiency throughout Maryland. The program offers energy-saving solutions for renters, homeowners, large and small business customers, non-profits and institutional customers. Customers participating in the program are able to save money, reduce energy usage and improve power quality. Collectively, BGE Smart Energy Savers Program offerings help contain the cost of energy, improve power reliability, reduce peak demand and slow the growth in energy consumption to lessen the need for more power plants.

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