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PRESS RELEASE

Murray City School District Implements Energy Savings Program Energy Manager hired to monitor school district energy costs

June 27, 2007, Murray, UT – The Murray City School District and Board of Education have taken a proactive step in good stewardship of energy and taxpayer dollars by embarking on a comprehensive energy conservation and management program with Energy Education, Inc. Energy Education is a national company whose energy conservation programs have saved more than \$1 billion for over 850 public school districts in 47 states.

Murray City School District's energy conservation program began June 01, 2007 when the district hired Carrie Hartman as Energy Educator/Manager. Ms. Hartman will receive intensive training from Energy Education, Inc. personnel to implement conservation procedures in all district facilities. She will conduct energy audits to ensure that students and teachers are comfortable during class time and scheduled activities, and that energy is used only as necessary. She is also responsible for helping to motivate everyone in the district to use energy wisely, keep classrooms comfortable, take advantage of day lighting and practice other smart energy strategies.

Dr. Pat O'Hara, Director of Support Services for the Murray City School District, says, "As a smaller school district, we felt that we should be able to control energy usage better and save money and resources during this time of rapidly escalating fuel costs. Two other districts in the state (Cache and Weber) were on-board with Energy Education, Inc., and Ogden and Duquesne School Districts were also signing up for this about the same time we were considering the program. It looked like a good plan to us with a proven track record, and we hope to have some real tangible success through our efforts."

All costs of the Energy Education program come from the district's existing utility budget, with

savings projected to more than pay for the program. Additional savings can be redirected to other parts of the district's budget. Many districts have credited this program with helping keep personnel and maintain programs that otherwise would have fallen victim to budget cuts. In addition, Energy Education, Inc. provides free support after the paid term of the contract, as long as the district continues to implement the program. The district's energy savings continue for many years.

A key part of the program, district Energy Educator/Manager Carrie Hartman, will track energy consumption – including electricity, water and natural gas – using energy-accounting software. The software compares current energy use to a baseline period and calculates the amount of energy that would have been used if conservation and management practices had not been implemented. It adjusts for weather, equipment additions or deletions, and changes in building use. By tracking consumption and analyzing energy use, the software helps the Energy Educator/Manager quickly identify and correct areas that need immediate attention.

Energy Education, Inc.'s energy conservation program helps to train school district personnel to create substantial energy savings, and is funded solely by the savings the program generates. Districts can redirect additional saved energy dollars to educational resources. Energy Education, Inc. has worked with more than 850 school districts across the nation, positively impacting the educational environment of ten million children and helping the school districts to save more than \$1 billion in 20 years.

For more information on Energy Education, Inc., contact Jan Noel-Smith, Director of Public Relations, 940-767-1500, ext. 137; email info@energyeducation.com, www.EnergyEducation.com.

Under the direction of the Murray Board of Education, the mission of the Murray City School District is to work in partnership with the community in the education of youth in a changing society. Richard R. Tranter is superintendent and chief executive officer of the Murray City School District; Mitzie Huff is president of the Murray Board of Education.

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