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Murray City School District's Energy Saving Program Earns Environmental Stewardship Award

October 21, 2009, 2009, Murray, UT – For saving enough energy in 2 years to effectively plant more than 50,849 trees, Murray City School District was presented with the **Award for Energy Stewardship** from Energy Education during the October 14, 2009 Murray Board of Education meeting. The **Award for Energy Stewardship** recognizes Murray City School District's efforts to implement an aggressive energy conservation and management program. The program is administered through a strategic alliance with Energy Education, a national company whose energy conservation programs have saved more than \$1.5 billion for educational and ministerial organizations since 1986.

"Murray City School District is demonstrating wise fiscal and environmental stewardship by implementing this unique people-oriented energy conservation program," said Dr. William S. Spears, CEO and Founder of Energy Education. "Using human resources to reduce energy use saves natural and financial resources for the organization and the community."

In the first 24 months of the program, Murray City School District saved 1,988 metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions, which would equate to 357 cars removed from the road, or 50,849 pine trees grown for 10 years. District Energy Education Specialist Rock Boyer receives ongoing intensive training from Energy Education energy specialists to implement conservation procedures in all of the system's facilities. He conducts energy audits to ensure that students and teachers are comfortable during class times and scheduled activities, and that energy is used only as necessary. He and the District Buildings and Grounds crew, under the supervision of Rod Pace, work hard to motivate everyone in the district to use energy wisely, keep classrooms comfortable, and practice smart energy strategies. Energy Education's program is funded solely and rapidly by the savings it generates. Clients such as Murray City School District, redirect their saved energy dollars to be used for their own priorities. Texas-based Energy Education was named 2009 ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. In 23 years, the company has worked with more than 1,000 organizations.

For more information regarding Energy Education, contact Jan Noel-Smith at 940.767.1500, ext. 137; or info@energyed.com or www.EnergyEducation.com.

For more information on Murray City School District energy saving activities, contact Rock Boyer, 801-264-7424 or 801-264-7420; or Dr. Pat O'Hara at the Murray District Offices 801-264-7400.

Under the direction of the Murray Schools 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; Laura Baker is president of the Murray Board of Education.

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