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**KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT WINS GOVERNOR’S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ENERGY EFFICIENCY**

*- Focus on Energy recognizes Kenosha School District for energy efficiency improvements -*

**KENOSHA, Wis. (Sept. 12, 2006)** – Kenosha Unified School District in Kenosha , WI has received the Governor’s Award for Excellence in Energy Efficiency given by Focus on Energy for the implementation of innovative energy efficiency projects within their school. With the help of Focus on Energy’s Schools and Government Sector, part of Wisconsin’s energy efficiency and renewable energy initiative, Kenosha School District made a number of energy efficiency improvements including the installation of high efficiency fluorescent lighting, upgrading boiler systems, chiller service, steam trap replacements and pc network energy management resulting in energy costs savings of over \$411,000 annually. Kenosha School District was also eligible for financial incentives from Focus on Energy for installing these and other qualifying energy efficiency measures.

“Kenosha Unified School District is honored to be the recipient of the Governor’s Award for Excellence in Energy Efficiency. With a great deal help from our school board, staff, students and Focus on Energy, Kenosha Unified School District was able to achieve significant improvements in energy efficiency,” said John Allen, Distribution and Utilities Manager Kenosha Unified School District No.1. The financial and technical support provided by Focus on Energy has been instrumental in the success of our program and we look forward to our continued relationship to achieve even greater energy savings in the future.”

Since 2001, Focus on Energy has delivered cost effective energy solutions to Wisconsin consumers, farms and businesses. The results for businesses have meant lower operating costs, reduced taxes and in Kenosha’s case more money for books. In total, businesses including schools in Wisconsin have saved about \$40,000,000 in energy costs annually.

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“We are proud to present Kenosha Unified School District with the Governor’s Award for Excellence in Energy Efficiency,” said Lisa Pederson, an energy advisor for Focus on Energy’s Schools and Government Program. “Their leadership in energy efficiency will benefit not only their school, but also the environment, the community and our energy’s future.”

Schools have numerous opportunities to save money through energy efficiency. Focus on Energy partners with K-12 public and private schools and private and technical colleges across the state to identify practical, cost effective energy efficiency measures to implement such as controlling the amount of outside air that comes into a building or using compact fluorescent light bulbs. Ultimately, this helps reduce their energy use, manage energy costs and keep staff, students and visitors comfortable and more productive.

For more information about saving opportunities at other schools or Focus on Energy’s Business Programs, call Focus on Energy at 800.762.7077 or visit [focusonenergy.com](http://focusonenergy.com).

### **About Kenosha Unified**

Kenosha is bordered on the east by Lake Michigan and is located in the extreme southeast portion of Wisconsin bordering Illinois. Milwaukee is 36 miles to the north and Chicago is 55 miles to the south. The mission of Kenosha Unified School District... an educational system which values our multicultural heritage, is to empower all students to reach their unique capabilities, contribute to our community, and compete in a global society by providing diverse and challenging opportunities to learn through the collaborative efforts of students, families, community and staff.

<http://www.kusd.edu/index.html>

### **About Focus on Energy’s Business Programs**

Focus on Energy’s Business Programs encourages energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy while targeting commercial businesses, industrial, agricultural and school and local government operations throughout Wisconsin. The Schools & Government Sector of the Focus on Energy Business Program helps schools and government facilities control their energy usage and costs including K-12 public and private schools, Wisconsin’s private and technical colleges and village, town, city and county government buildings. For more information, call 800.762.7077 or visit [focusonenergy.com](http://focusonenergy.com).

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