



Anderson County Schools Celebrate Green School Success

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On Tuesday, November 22nd, the [Anderson County School District](#) in Kentucky celebrated a success that was years in the making, with some familiar faces, and some new faces. The school district and public officials recognized the hard work of teachers, staff and students where they have managed to avoid over \$614,000 in utility costs, a 27 percent cost avoidance, in approximately two years. Anderson County Schools celebrated Energy Star certification in four of their seven school buildings, plus the central board office.

[Congressman Ben Chandler](#), co-chair of the [Congressional Green Schools Caucus](#), presented the Energy Star certificates to the principals of Anderson County High School, Emma B Ward Elementary, Robert B Turner Elementary and Saffell Street Elementary School. Congressman Chandler pointed out how important avoiding over \$600,000 in utility costs can be for our school districts, relating the financial savings to the number of teachers' jobs that have been saved.

Lawrenceburg's Mayor Edwinna Baker also recognized the students and expressed her support of Green Schools by signing onto the Center for Green School's Superintendent Sheila Mitchell noted that saving energy has just been "a matter of being intentional," while Emma B Ward's Principal Amanda Ellis spoke about how her teachers all embraced and accepted removing refrigerators from the classrooms as they transitioned into their green school and strived to save energy.

I had the honor of speaking at the event pointed out how the students at Emma B. Ward Elementary, where the event was hosted, had earned a 95 on their Energy Star score. I left students with the message that greening their schools is a journey, not a destination, and that we all need to continue being good stewards, saving energy and money.

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