



Sevier County School System

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Sevier County School System Extends Energy-Saving Partnership with Cenergistic Additional Five Years

(SEVIERVILLE, Tenn., Mar. 9, 2020) — Having already lowered districtwide energy use by 31 percent and looking to preserve the momentum, Sevier County School System (SCSS) announces a five-year extension of its energy conservation program with Cenergistic.

“The realized energy savings stemming from our partnership has allowed us to redirect dollars to bolster student learning for years now,” said Dr. Jack A. Parton, SCSS Superintendent. “Our partnership with Cenergistic is simply too valuable to walk away from.”

SCSS personnel work closely with Cenergistic engineers, experts and the Energy Specialist to audit and optimize energy-using systems across the district to achieve peak efficiency. The Energy Specialists track energy consumption at all campuses through state-of-the-art smart technology to identify and correct areas that need immediate attention.

This hand-in-hand partnership has produced notable success. Since implementation in 2015, SCSS has seen 19 different facilities gain ENERGY STAR® certification and created a culture of sustainability among students and staff. The carbon emissions avoided from the energy program equate to avoiding the carbon emissions produced by the average car driving approximately 47 million miles.

“The results of the program speak for themselves, and Cenergistic has been an excellent resource for our energy conservation efforts,” said Karen King, SCSS Chief Financial Officer. “We are excited to see what more we can accomplish with an additional five years.”

About Sevier County School System

The Sevier County School System is the eleventh largest school district in Tennessee with 29 schools and nearly 15,000 students from pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade. Schools in the system are accredited by Cognia and offer comprehensive instructional programs with opportunities for every student to achieve and excel. Early post-secondary opportunities abound at the secondary level and include Advanced Placement (AP), Dual Enrollment, State Dual Credit courses, Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs and industrial certifications, services for exceptional children, and many other instruction and intervention options.

About Cenergistic

Since 1986, Cenergistic has partnered with 1450+ educational, municipal government and healthcare organizations to achieve \$5.6 billion in utility savings and cost avoidance.