

PPL and Ringgold School District to Embark On Energy Savings Project

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Ringgold School District in New Eagle, Pa., has agreed to a \$2.1 million energy savings project with PPL Corporation subsidiary PPL EnergyPlus designed to save the district energy and maintenance costs and replace aging heating and cooling systems.

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The distributed generation and energy services arm of PPL EnergyPlus will install efficient lighting systems, electronic ballasts, state-of-the-art automated heating and air conditioning systems, gas-fired heaters, roofing and other energy-saving improvements throughout the district's six schools, administrative building and bus garage.

The Washington County district will accomplish the project through the Pennsylvania Guaranteed Energy Savings Act, which allows school districts and municipal governments to request proposals for lighting, heating and cooling projects that could be paid solely through operational savings over 10 years.

Ringgold School District will save enough money over the 10-year period to cover the cost of the project. The first-year savings are projected to be \$262,142, resulting from a combination of energy and maintenance savings and by avoiding capital costs, according to PPL EnergyPlus.

And, as part of PPL's commitments to its community schools, it donated 30 laptop computers to the district.

"We were pleased to show Ringgold School District administrators and school board members the potential savings that could be achieved by improving their energy infrastructure," said PPL EnergyPlus President Larry De Simone. "Our strong alliance of energy experts and PPL's guarantee of the district's energy savings will come together to make this a very successful project.

"For us, it's all about providing the right solution to commercial and industrial clients, municipal governments, health care organizations and school districts," De Simone added.

Ringgold School District Superintendent Lawrence Golembiewski said the energy management program will help reduce the district's operational budget and improve the comfort and learning environment for educators, staff and the district's 3,775 students.

"We're looking forward to seeing a significant reduction on our energy costs and the ability to better project our energy costs over the next decade," he said. "It's much easier to accomplish capital expenditures by not dipping into our operational budget."

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