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Coxsackie-Athens Central School District Encourages Earth Day Participation

Coxsackie, NY – While the world celebrates Earth Day this month, Coxsackie-Athens Central School District faculty, staff and students can participate as well, each one with a strong sense of satisfaction at having done his or her part to control energy use.

Coxsackie-Athens Central School District has an active energy conservation program that has already achieved more than \$403,303 savings through a 22.8% reduction in energy use over 48 months. That savings translates into significant numbers for Earth Day, too.

Since Coxsackie-Athens Central School District began the program, energy consumption has been reduced by 18,446 MMBTUs. That reduction translates into the equivalent of 1,148 tons of carbon dioxide removed from the atmosphere, or 824 passenger cars removed from the road, or 7,343 trees planted.

For Earth Day, Coxsackie-Athens Central School District plans to continue its efforts, and invites the public to join in. David Proper, Energy Education Specialist (EES), said there are a number of resources available on the Internet that can help individuals learn how to save energy in their own homes.

“It’s important for all of us to save energy. While most of the time we discuss it in terms of saving money, for Earth Day we encourage you to be concerned with our natural resources. Being good stewards of both our money and our environment gives us a great sense of satisfaction,” said David Proper.

The cost of utilities is a significant budget line-item for Coxsackie-Athens Central School District, and the prices for electricity, natural gas, heating oil and water have steadily increased over the past few years. To combat these rising energy and utility costs, the district entered into a partnership with Energy Education to implement a comprehensive people-based energy conservation program throughout all its buildings and campuses. Energy Education guarantees the conservation program will save taxpayer dollars, save jobs and preserve important programs while saving vital natural resources.

Coxsackie-Athens Central School District’s energy conservation program is projected to save \$750,045 through the first ten years of its energy conservation program.

For more information about Earth Day as well as conservation resources for your home, Mr. Proper recommends:

www.epa.gov/earthday/ (see “Pick 5 for the Environment” for even more ways to save!)

www.earthday.org

<http://www.teachersfirst.com/holiday/earthday.cfm>

http://www.educationplanet.com/directory/Science/Environment/Ecology/Earth_Day

www.energystar.gov

<http://www.planetpals.com/>

www.michaelbluejay.com/electricity