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RE: Grove Energy Star Rating

Dear Board of Education,

It is with much excitement that we write to you today to express our many thanks for your support in energy management. Over the past few years, the Operation Department took on the task of energy conservation for this school district, we accomplished many goals one of which we will highlight in this acknowledgment.

In 2020, Grove was an underperforming school in the district as it related to energy consumption. This building held an Energy Star score of 23, ranking in the bottom 23<sup>rd</sup> percentile for efficiency. We took on this objective to improve things at this school, and with the Board's approval to procure funds through OMNIA made it possible. With the implementation of Campus Optimizer, we have realized tremendous results. Grove now operates at an optimum level and provides a comfortable learning space for the students, faculty, and staff.

As of February 2024, Grove earned an Energy Star Rating of 80, certifying the buildings in the top 25<sup>th</sup> percentile for energy efficiency. The average baseline energy use (kbtu) per square foot of 108 was brought down to the current energy use per square foot of 54, for an outstanding 50% decrease. This equates to over \$30,000.00 in energy cost savings to date, not to mention the comfort level and ability to control the system. Grove is the first McLean County Unit District No. 5 building to achieve Energy Star Certification in 2024. We are currently working on Energy Star certifying Prairieland, Evans, and Kingsley over the remainder of 2024.

Again, many thanks to the Board of Education partnering with the Operations Team for their unyielding support of these capital campaigns.

With our sincerest thanks,

Operations Team

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