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## Press Release

### Tenino School District Completes Energy Efficiency Initiative and Reaps Financial Benefits

*Schneider Electric helps Washington school district realize significant energy cost savings and technology improvements despite budget constraints*

**DALLAS – January 22, 2015** – Schneider Electric, a global specialist in energy management, in partnership with Tenino School District announced today the completion of its energy savings performance contract (ESPC) that will help save the district \$30,000 in energy and operational costs annually over 15 years.

Funded in part through a \$1 million Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) energy grant and energy cost savings through Schneider Electric, the school district addressed utility and maintenance improvements to reduce energy consumption by 13 percent and bring the district up to air quality standards.

As increasing energy costs continue to consume annual operating budgets, forward-looking schools like Tenino School District have found ESPCs are an innovative way to free up funds to help pay for building improvements and other upgrades that enhance the learning environment.

“This was an opportunity for us to make improvements to our aging schools using state funds that we could not pass up. Our community will benefit from state-of-the-art improvements with minimal impact on our district’s operational budget,” said Joe Belmonte, Superintendent, Tenino School District. “Schneider Electric’s strong track record with projects in K-12 schools made them an ideal partner that we know will help drive and support our vision. This project was a great start to our plan of significantly improving the district, and we look forward to continued community support.”

District-wide utility and deferred maintenance improvements included:

- Lighting upgrades
- Elementary and middle school HVAC upgrades
- Elementary and middle school energy management system upgrades
- High school roof repairs

“Schneider Electric is pleased to provide Tenino School District with solutions that not only make it more efficient and sustainable, but also help it reallocate dollars back into classrooms where they are

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needed most,” said Tammy Fulop, Vice President of Energy and Sustainability Services at Schneider Electric. “These types of public-private partnerships make it possible for cash-strapped school districts, large and small, to achieve their vision for a better learning environment without compromising their financial well-being.”

The Tenino School District project makes a sizable environmental and economic impact on the community. The project provides energy efficiency savings equivalent to removing 250 tons of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, removing 48 cars from the road or planting 186 acres of new trees.

In the past 20 years, Schneider Electric has successfully implemented over 550 ESPCs across the nation and helped clients save more than \$1 billion. Since 1993, Schneider Electric has been focused on the education market and has implemented turnkey energy efficiency and capital improvement projects at over 250 educational institutions. Schneider Electric uses the latest energy-saving practices and technologies to upgrade aging equipment, reduce maintenance expenses, lower utility bills and improve building performance to help maximize every dollar. Visit [www.enable.schneider-electric.com](http://www.enable.schneider-electric.com) to learn more.

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### About Tenino School District

Our district mission is to provide an educational environment that meets the diverse needs of each student and ensures the opportunity to develop individual potential and to become a competent and contributing member of society.  
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