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Contact: Penny Martin at (614) 644-8774Penny.Martin@development.ohio.gov**Montessori School of Dayton Saves Money through Energy Efficiency**

The Montessori School of Dayton (Montgomery County) has secured a loan from the Ohio Development Services Agency's Energy Loan Fund to increase energy efficiency and comfort at their facility. The low-interest loan will allow the school to upgrade and replace many old, inefficient features of its 1950's building.

"Saving money through energy efficiency allows schools to reinvest the savings in the classroom," said David Goodman, director of the Ohio Development Services Agency.

An energy audit revealed many ways to increase energy efficiency at the school. The original boiler was old and inefficient and window units were providing air conditioning to only a portion of the building. The loan will allow the school to purchase a new boiler and install central air conditioning, double-pane windows and additional insulation. The school will also install a computerized smart system to regulate energy use when the building is not in use.

"The Energy Loan Fund was the right choice for us to upgrade our original 1950's equipment to state of the art 21st century technology. Realizing the energy conservation and financial savings would not have been possible without the courteous and professional Ohio Development Services Agency staff. They provided the hands-on support we needed to navigate the process and even went the extra mile to work with Ohio Department of Taxation on our behalf to favorably expedite a pending tax exemption application that was holding up the loan closing," said Tim Meixner, the Montessori School of Dayton's President.

The Energy Loan Fund offers low-interest financing to businesses, manufacturers, public entities and nonprofits for energy efficiency and advanced energy projects that achieve a minimum of 15 percent energy use reduction. In addition, the Agency provides borrowers who close on a loan from the Energy Loan Fund a 50 percent rebate for the cost of an energy audit.

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