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Dr. Sherry Grate
Superintendent
DeKalb County Central United School District
3326 County Road 427
Waterloo, Indiana 46793

Dear Sherry:

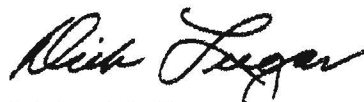
I am pleased today to congratulate the DeKalb County Central United School District as they are honored with a "50 Percent Energy Leader" designation from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

I was delighted to first learn of DeKalb Central United School District's energy efficiency efforts in March of 2009. At that time I was able to present the district with a Lugar Energy Patriot award which profiles an organization or individual who has demonstrated leadership and initiative in taking concrete action to improve America's energy security. The award recognized the district had saved more than \$3.1 million taxpayer dollars and was working on additional energy efficiencies each day.

Today we have more good news to celebrate. Under your important leadership, the district has continued to enhance their energy efficiency efforts. The district has now saved more than 4.6 million taxpayer dollars and continues to transform the DeKalb County Central United School District into one of the most energy efficient districts in Indiana.

Once again I congratulate DeKalb County Central United School District for their many efforts to be responsible stewards of public funds and their increased dedication to responsible energy practices. It is my hope this district will serve as a shining example for other Hoosier school districts wishing to implement similar energy efficient practices. I wish you every continuing success.

Sincerely,



Richard G. Lugar
United States Senator

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