


Office of the Superintendent of Schools  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Rockville, Maryland

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MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Joshua P. Starr, Superintendent of Schools 

Subject: Cresthaven Elementary School Wins Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Gold Certification

The United States Green Buildings Council (USGBC) has awarded the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold Level certification to Cresthaven Elementary School for its design and achievement in all categories—alternative transportation plan, acoustics, sustainable sites, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources, indoor environmental quality, and innovation in design. LEED certifications range from basic certification to the Silver, Gold, and Platinum rankings. Staff in the Department of Facilities Management worked with the architect and green building experts during the design phase to determine the features that would be used to obtain LEED certification for Cresthaven Elementary School. The building opened in August 2010.

Cresthaven Elementary School is the sixth LEED school to be awarded Gold Level Certification by USGBC in Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS), and it is one of the first to be certified under “LEED for Schools,” a system that adheres to more rigorous design and achievement standards in all categories and includes an acoustic requirement. Cresthaven Elementary School joins Carderock Springs, Cashell, William B. Gibbs, Jr., and Great Seneca Creek elementary schools and Francis Scott Key Middle School as LEED Gold Certified schools. Other LEED schools in the construction phase include: Cannon Road, Garrett Park, and Seven Locks elementary schools and Gaithersburg and Paint Branch high schools. LEED schools that have reopened this year for students are Farmland Elementary School and Cabin John Middle School.

I applaud members of the Board of Education for continuing to support the green building program and congratulate staff for their efforts to make MCPS a leader in meeting these important environmental standards. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. James Song, director, Department of Facilities Management, at 240-314-1064.

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