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## **Hazlet Township School District Encourages Earth Day Participation**

### ***Hazlet Township Public Schools Reduce Energy Consumption 9.2%, Saves \$46,302***

Hazlet — While the world celebrates Earth Day this month, the Hazlet Township Public Schools faculty, staff and students can participate as well, each one with a strong sense of satisfaction at having done his or her part to control energy use.

Hazlet Township School District has an active energy conservation program that has already achieved more than \$46,302 savings through a 9.2% reduction in energy use over six months. That savings translates into significant numbers for Earth Day as well.

Since the Hazlet Township School District began the program, energy consumption has been reduced by 3,741MMBTUs. That reduction translates into the equivalent of 201 metric tons of carbon dioxide removed from the atmosphere, or 42 passenger cars removed from the road, or 5,145 trees planted.

For Earth Day, the Hazlet Township Public Schools plan to continue their efforts, and invite the public to join in. Christopher Villa, Energy Specialist (ES), indicates there are a number of resources available on the Internet that can help individuals learn how to save energy in their own homes. (see sidebar)

“It’s important for all of us to save energy. While most of the time we discuss it in terms of saving money, for Earth Day we encourage you to be concerned with our natural resources. Being good stewards of both our money and our environment gives us a great sense of satisfaction,” noted Christopher Villa.

The cost of utilities is the fourth largest budget line-item for Hazlet Township Public Schools, and the prices for electricity, natural gas, heating oil and water have steadily increased over the past few years. To combat these rising energy and utility costs, the system entered into a partnership with Cenergistic to implement a comprehensive organizational-behavior based energy conservation program throughout all its buildings and campuses. Cenergistic guarantees the conservation program will save dollars, jobs, maintain important programs, and preserve vital natural resources in the process.

Hazlet Township Public Schools energy conservation program is projected to save \$668,498 through the first five years of its energy conservation program.

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**SIDEBAR:**

For more information about Earth Day as well as conservation resources for your home, Christopher Villa recommends:

[www.epa.gov/earthday/](http://www.epa.gov/earthday/) (Be sure to check out Project Resources and Ideas)

[www.earthday.org](http://www.earthday.org)

<http://www.teachersfirst.com/holiday/earthday.cfm>

<http://www.lessonplanet.com/teachers/lesson-plan-celebrating-earth-day>

And for general conservation information:

[www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov)

<http://www.planetpals.com/>

[www.michaelbluejay.com/electricity](http://www.michaelbluejay.com/electricity)

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