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GRANT FROM MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY HELPS NORTH PANOLA SCHOOL DISTRICT SAVE BIG ON ENERGY COSTS

JACKSON, Miss. – The North Panola School District is benefiting from major energy savings after assistance from the Mississippi Development Authority’s (MDA) Energy Division. In January 2002, the school district received a grant for \$25,000 through MDA’s Rebuild Mississippi Program. As a result, the school district was able to replace an old, inefficient boiler at its Vo-Tech Center in Como with a new, more efficient boiler that includes a programmable time clock to automatically turn the boiler on and off.

That improvement has garnered serious savings for the school district. In November 2000, the school district paid \$4,990.92 in natural gas costs at the Vo-Tech Center. The natural gas bill for November 2002 was \$401.46. That’s a savings of more than \$4,500 for one month.

“Success stories, like the one for the North Panola School District, demonstrate how MDA’s efforts can assist communities in a very tangible way,” said Kenneth Calvin, Director of the Energy Division.

A portion of the grant money was also used to install insulated windowpanes at Como Middle School and energy-efficient lighting at Sardis High School, both in Panola County.

Administered through MDA’s Energy Division, Rebuild Mississippi works through community-based partnerships to businesses and organizations upgrade infrastructure and renovate commercial and multifamily residential buildings.

For more information about Rebuild Mississippi, contact Verlina Underwood with the Energy Division at 601.359.6600 or visit MDA on the World Wide Web at www.mississippi.org.

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