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## **Cincinnati Area Preschool Receives \$750,000 from OAQDA for Energy Efficiency in New Addition**

### ***Goddard School Expands Capacity While Reducing Energy Usage***

COLUMBUS – A preschool serving the Cincinnati area was approved by the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority to receive \$750,000 in air quality revenue bonds from the Clean Air Resource Center at a recent Authority meeting.

The Goddard School, located at 1280 Nagel Rd. in Anderson Township, is building \$1.1 million addition and upgrading the energy efficiency of the existing school. The addition will expand the total size of the school to 6,000 square feet.

The OAQDA funds will be used to enhance the energy efficient design of the building, including the building automation system, HVAC system and insulation for roofing and exterior walls. In addition, the project will feature high efficiency interior and exterior lighting and energy efficient, high performance windows.

“Goddard School of Anderson Township Strives to provide a high quality educational environment. OAQDA's program allows us to build an energy efficient facility. Energy and tax savings from the energy efficient program reduces our operational cost. These savings are reallocated for use in our educational programs and directly impact our students.” Mark Reinhart of Reinhart Real Estate Holdings, owner of the Goddard School of Anderson Township said.

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### Cincinnati Area Preschool

John Kirchner, president of GB Solutions, a building consulting firm hired to work on the project by Reinhart Real Estate Holdings, explained that one important feature of the energy upgrades is the new HVAC system.

“The HVAC units have a natural gas furnace with an efficiency rating of above 95 percent. The system will connect to programmable thermostats and occupancy controls allowing it to engage the system when the building is in use and to adjust system usage when the facility is not in use,” he said.

Kirschner projects that the school will realize electric saving in today’s market of \$1,371 per year. In addition, he said the new systems will reduce green house gas emissions by 4.3 metric tons per year.

“School buildings like the Goddard School in Anderson Township benefit greatly from financing available from the State of Ohio through OAQDA’s Clean Air Resource Center. Small and medium-sized businesses and schools can affordably become more efficient, which enhances their bottom line and saves on energy consumption,” Chadwick Smith, OAQDA executive director, said.

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The Ohio Air Quality Development Authority (OAQDA) is a non-regulatory government agency created to help Ohio businesses comply with clean air regulations. Since its creation in 1970, the Authority has provided technical and financial help to hundreds of large and small Ohio businesses, awarding more than \$8 billion to finance air quality projects. For more information about OAQDA and its services, please visit its web site at [www.ohioairquality.org](http://www.ohioairquality.org).