Nationally recognized for its energy efforts, Warren County Public Schools (WCPS) has developed an energy conservation policy and high performance building commitment that has offset nearly $9.8 million in energy costs since 2003. (At least a 25% net cost avoidance benefit.) This accomplishment is equal to saving more than 196 teaching positions!

Safety was also an important consideration in the choice to switch from traditional masonry and build with insulated concrete forms (ICFs) and hollow core concrete plank floors. The area had historically experienced high winds and severe storms that were a concern. This award recognizes that the forward-thinking approach adopted by Warren County Public Schools for the past twelve years has influenced other schools throughout the U.S., and even internationally. The team behind this dramatic shift in the energy consumption of Warren County Schools has changed the way other school districts set goals to reduce energy costs in order to free up more budget dollars for education and teachers’ salaries.

From the outset, the leaders of Warren County Public Schools and Sherman Carter Barnhart Architects had embarked on an ongoing program to share what they have learned with others.

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