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Board of Commissioners Honors 2010-11 Macomb County Green Schools

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. – Macomb County Commissioners today recognized 101 schools from across the county which achieved “Official Michigan Green School” status in an award ceremony at the Macomb Intermediate School District in Clinton Township.

Commissioners presented representatives from the 2010-11 Macomb County Green Schools with a flag and certificate signed by Macomb County Board Chair Kathy D. Vosburg and Governor Rick Snyder. Nearly all schools participated in the honors ceremony for the academic year program which promotes environmentally responsible projects and education.

“The Board is pleased to see this program grow each year, and to be a part of such an educational endeavor with the MISD that teaches students to be good citizens, save energy costs, and guard our natural resources,” said Board of Commissioners Chair Kathy D. Vosburg.

Carter Middle School in Warren was chosen as this year’s “Top School” by program facilitators for its outstanding level of participation and enthusiasm with a wide range of projects — from denim recycling for the homeless, to assisting school maintenance staff by sealing drafts and dusting off cafeteria refrigerator coils for efficiency. In addition, the winners of AT&T’s project Re-Directory Challenge in Sterling Heights — which netted nearly 29 tons of recycled phone books through student’s collection efforts — were also announced, with Collins Elementary School, Margaret Black Elementary and Flynn Middle School earning a total of \$1,200 in cash prizes for their efforts.

The Macomb County Green Schools Program first launched in 2008-09; now in its third academic year, participation has nearly tripled. More than 100 public and private, K-12 schools submitted applications prior to the March 1, 2011 deadline for certification for the 2010-11 academic year. Applications were reviewed for adherence to program criteria, set forth in P.A. 146 (2006) and the optional additional enhancements which created higher designations of “Emerald” or “Evergreen” for those wishing to participate in more activities. Last year, 71 Macomb County schools earned “Green” status; of those, 23 also achieved “Emerald;” and 15 also achieved “Evergreen” status.

The program is funded through grants, and by generous donations from Waste Management and DTE Energy. To learn more about the Michigan Green Schools program in Macomb County, visit: www.macombcountymi.gov/macomb_gov/GreenSchools.htm.

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