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Ficano Promotes “Green Schools”

WAYNE COUNTY, MI — March 17, 2008 Wayne County Executive Robert A. Ficano is using St. Patrick's Day to kick off his “Green Schools” initiative to promote a cleaner and healthier environment.

Wayne County's Department of Environment, working with the Wayne County Regional Education Service Agency (Wayne RESA) is sending letters to over 800 schools in Wayne County, asking them to join the statewide “Green School” initiative.

“Your school can become a ‘Green School’ by sending an application to the Wayne County Environment Department,” said Ficano. Schools can qualify by meeting 10 of 20 criteria established by the State of Michigan, he said. Some of the requirements can include a paper recycling program, implementing an energy savings program, holding an environmental education event, or promoting neighborhood energy conservation.

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“It’s important that we encourage environmental stewardship and energy conservation,” said Ficano, “and the best way to start is in our schools, by enhancing our quality of life while saving taxpayer dollars.”

A full list of the program’s requirements and an application packet can be found on the Wayne County website, www.waynecounty.com, or by calling Nancy Gregor at (734) 326-3936.

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