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NEWS RELEASE

O'Gorman High School Goes Green and Helps Save the Environment Timmins, December 14, 2010:

The solar panels have arrived and are installed at O'Gorman High School. The Northeastern Catholic District School Board in partnership with the Ministry of Education, working with energy experts from Honeywell, has installed a solar photovoltaic (PV) system and a Sustainability Information System (SIS). SIS will allow OHS students to access real time monitoring of the building's energy use as well as that of the solar PV system. The Ministry has provided funds through the Renewable Energy Funding for Schools initiative in the amount of \$212,351.00

The benefits of this unique pilot project are many for O'Gorman High School and its students. (See attached fact sheet)

The installation of a solar PV system creates a new revenue stream of \$10,021 by selling the power that the system generates to the Ontario Power Authority. This revenue stream is earmarked to be spent on additional energy reduction, greening and environmental communications and awareness activities planned by NCDSB.

Bob Landry, NCDSB Facility Manager commented, "This new state of the art computer terminal will give our student hands on access to real time energy saving, along with their energy consumption, so they can see where reducing energy use will benefit their school."

Luis Rodrigues, Vice President of Energy Solutions with Honeywell, noted, "By making school board facilities living laboratories, students are engaged and focused on learning about sustainability. Not only will the school reap the benefits of a renewable energy source in terms of decreased carbon emissions and lower utility bills, but the solar installation will provide an opportunity to enhance the learning environment."

The system was just turned on last week and even with all of the snow and cloud cover, O'Gorman High School has saved enough power to light up 152 light bulbs for a day or power 50 computers and the equivalent of carbon offset is equal to one tree being planted.

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