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**Ichabod Crane’s Energy Conservation Program
Continues to Achieve National ENERGY STAR® and
ENERGY STAR® LEADER Awards**

\$678,405 saved by the school district

Valatie, New York – The Ichabod Crane Central School District is pleased to announce for the fourth consecutive year that the United States Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) **ENERGY STAR® Program** has bestowed the prestigious **ENERGY STAR® Label** on all five of its school buildings. This recognition is presented to the most energy efficient schools in the country. Ichabod Crane is the only school district in New York State to earn the **ENERGY STAR® label** for each building for four consecutive years.

The District also has announced that once again, it has been named as an **ENERGY STAR® Leader** by the EPA’s **ENERGY STAR® Program**, and is considered a “Top Performer.” This prestigious recognition is presented to the most energy efficient school districts in the country.

According to the US Environmental Protection Agency’s energy conservation ratings, Ichabod Crane is in the top quartile of performance for all school districts nationwide and has the highest average score of any district in New York State that has participated in the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority’s Energy Smart Schools Program.

“We are extremely pleased to receive this recognition from ENERGY STAR®,” said Ichabod Crane Central School Superintendent James Dexter. “Our energy conservation efforts are saving taxpayer dollars and help our local environment by reducing our carbon footprint by 9,927 metric tons. The District has reduced total electricity use by **20.1%** and total fuel oil use by **15.5%**. We are proud of the staff’s response to the challenge of reducing energy consumption and that these efforts have been recognized by ENERGY STAR®.”