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**CRABAPPLE CROSSING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Earns the ENERGY STAR® for Superior Energy Efficiency**

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CRABAPPLE CROSSING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL owned/managed by the FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, has earned the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) prestigious ENERGY STAR, the national symbol for superior energy efficiency and environmental protection. This signifies that the building's energy performance rates in the top 25 percent of facilities nationwide.

"Crabapple Crossing Elementary is pleased to accept EPA's ENERGY STAR in recognition of our energy efficiency efforts," said Sonia Terry, Principal. "Through this achievement, we have demonstrated our commitment to environmental stewardship while also lowering our energy costs."

Commercial buildings that earn the ENERGY STAR use an average of 40 percent less energy than typical buildings and also release 35 percent less carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. CRABAPPLE CROSSING ELEMENTARY improved its energy performance by managing energy strategically across the entire organization and by making cost-effective improvements to its building.

"Improving the energy efficiency of our nation's buildings is critical to preserving our environment and our natural resources," said Kathleen Hogan, director of EPA's Climate Protection Partnerships Division. "From office buildings to hotels, supermarkets to schools, the ENERGY STAR distinguishes those organizations who are taking environmental responsibility into their own hands."

To earn the ENERGY STAR, CRABAPPLE CROSSING ELEMENTARY took the following actions:

- Raised energy efficiency awareness with all school personnel
- Monitored air conditioning and heat usage
- Committed to the shut down of all lighting, computers, and electronic equipment at the end of the day
- Monitored kitchen equipment to make sure the units were performing at optimum levels

EPA's national energy performance rating system provides a 1-100 scale that helps organizations assess how efficiently their buildings use energy relative to similar buildings nationwide. A building that scores a rating of 75 or higher is eligible for the ENERGY STAR. Commercial buildings that can earn the ENERGY STAR include offices, bank branches, financial centers, retail stores, courthouses, hospitals, hotels, K-12 schools, medical offices, supermarkets, dormitories, and warehouses.

ENERGY STAR was introduced by the EPA in 1992 as a voluntary, market-based partnership to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through energy efficiency. Today, the ENERGY STAR label can be found on more than 50 different kinds of products, new homes, and commercial and industrial buildings. Products and buildings that have earned the ENERGY STAR designation prevent greenhouse gas emissions by meeting strict energy-efficiency specifications set by the government. In 2007, Americans, with the help of ENERGY STAR, saved about \$16 billion on their energy bills while reducing the greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to those of 27 million vehicles.

For more information about ENERGY STAR visit www.energystar.gov.
For more information about CRABAPPLE CROSSING ELEMENTARY visit <http://www.fultonschools.org/school/crabapplecrossing/>

*To calculate greenhouse gas emissions, please visit <http://www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/energy-resources/calculator.html>