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Platinum Energy Group Recognizes Rockville Centre UFSD as a *Bright School*

Rockville Centre, NY — Platinum Energy Group (<http://www.1energygroup.com>) announced today it will recognize Rockville Centre Union Free School District as its first "Bright School" following the district's successful conversion to natural gas.

Platinum Energy Group's Bright School initiative seeks to recognize those school districts that demonstrate a commitment to promoting energy efficiency.

"Any school with the foresight and courage to improve its energy efficiency should be recognized for doing so," says Eric Michaels, **Platinum Energy Group's** Director of Green Building Technologies. "You've really got to applaud the administration of Rockville Centre. Soon, schools all over Long Island will be following their lead."

Platinum Energy Group is a leading integrated energy solutions provider, specializing in the full spectrum of contracting and consulting services to reduce energy consumption.

The company was recently contracted to supply natural gas services for the district. The agreement with **Platinum Energy Group** is part of Rockville Centre UFSD's larger commitment to improve energy efficiency for its schools throughout the district. Administrators recently initiated an energy performance contract that includes a series of measures to improve the performance of its building systems.

"With the rising costs of oil and fuel and variability in those prices from year to year, we wanted to make sure there was an alternative for our energy," says assistant superintendent Robert Bartels. "All of our buildings are now dual fuel capable so they can operate on oil or natural gas. By using cleaner burning fuel we contribute to a healthier environment."

To incentivize the purchase of natural gas, **Platinum Energy Group** included the installation of new heating equipment. Both Hewitt Elementary and Watson Elementary's heating systems were retrofitted with new dual fuel combustion burners to run on a combination of natural gas and No. 2 fuel oil.

By incorporating the cost of a boiler conversion program into the negotiated price of their natural gas per therm, Rockville Centre UFSD circumvented the need to bond or borrow money, raise taxes or surrender to a more restrictive and extensive contract. More importantly, it's brought them one step closer to their ultimate goal of being a green school district.

"Rockville Centre has found a way to make a crucial improvement to their district," says Michaels. "There isn't a doubt in my mind other schools can benefit."

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