



## News Release

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### **Kansas Schools Learn to Redefine Success in a Difficult Economy**

- *Green Schools Summit Provides Financial Strategies to Overcome Budget Cuts* -

**Salina, Kan., Feb. 24, 2010** — As schools in Kansas and across the country continue to struggle with shrinking budgets, education leaders are discovering innovative solutions that work.

At the Green Schools Summit on Feb. 25, school administrators, educators and board members will learn how to redefine success in a difficult economy.

**When:** Thursday, Feb. 25, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Where:** Smoky Hill Learning Center, 830 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Salina, Ks.

The Summit's speakers will address:

- Innovative financial strategies to overcome budget cuts
- How to create sustainable high performance learning environments
- How to prepare students for a green workplace
- How to enlist community support

Keynote speaker **Bob Kobet**, president, Sustainaissance International, will present on greening K-12 schools. Kobet will discuss how high performance, green schools are not complete without three main components: facility, community and curriculum. He will share how school districts can integrate the three components to enhance facilities, involve the community and enrich students' education with "green" curriculum.

Superintendents **Justin Henry**, Southeast of Saline USD 306; **Beth Reust**, Plainville USD 270; and **Brian Pekarek**, Clifton-Clyde USD 224, will each share their success stories with innovative, financially sound approaches to creating high performance learning environments.

Additional speakers include **Joe Ryan**, regional manager, NexGen Energy Partners; **Jerry McCall**, principal, Education Consulting Services; and **Joe Glassman**, chairman, Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority.

The Green Schools Summit, sponsored by Trane, is free for Kansas school administrators, board members and educators. Registration is required to attend, and breakfast and lunch will be provided. To register, contact Angie Gensler at (913) 599-4664 or [Angie.Gensler@Trane.com](mailto:Angie.Gensler@Trane.com).

#### **About Kobet**

Kobet is President of Sustainaissance International—a multi-disciplined architectural consulting firm specializing in sustainable design and development, high performance LEED Certified buildings and environmental education. Kobet's individual impact on the built environment spans several decades over a wide area of influence. His green building and sustainable community development projects around the world range from small non-profit endeavors to multi-million dollar developments.

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