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Education Leaders Learn How to Reinvigorate Aging Facilities While Reducing Expenses at National School Boards Association 2011 Conference

- Trane and Mesa County Valley School District 51 leaders to share high performance building strategies -

San Francisco (April 11, 2010) — The average U.S. school building is 42 years old and three-fourths of all U.S. schools are more than 30 years old according to the National Center for Education Statistics. Mesa County Valley School District 51 in Grand Junction, Colo., is no exception; the average age of the district's 47 buildings is 38 years.

Despite their age, however, district buildings now boast the latest in infrastructure systems, thanks to more than \$10 million in upgrades being installed across the district in three phases. The first two phases of these improvements, which have recently been completed at no additional cost to taxpayers, is anticipated to save the district more than \$750,000 in annual energy costs as well as an additional \$390,000 in operations and maintenance costs over the next five years.

At the National School Boards Association (NSBA) Annual Conference, **Jim Knutson, director of comprehensive solutions for Trane**, will join Mesa County School District 51 leaders Steve Schultz, superintendent, and Cal Clark, director of facilities and maintenance, to describe how the district upgraded infrastructure systems while reducing energy, operating and even maintenance costs – all at no additional cost to taxpayers. Trane is a leading global provider of indoor comfort systems and solutions and a brand of Ingersoll Rand.

Attendees will gain tips and guidance for assessing current infrastructure systems, and evaluating and implementing high performance building improvements in their own districts.

Presentation details:

Presentation title: "Everything Old is New Again: Infrastructure Upgrades Expected to Generate Significant Savings"

What: NSBA 71st Annual Conference

Where: Moscone Convention Center Room 307, San Francisco

When: Monday, April 11, 2-3:15 p.m.

2011 conference website: <http://s36.a2zinc.net/clients/nsba/ac2011/public/enter.asp>

The NSBA Annual Conference brings together thousands of school board members to help them find solutions, demonstrate accountability, and work together to improve student achievement in their districts. Visit Trane at booth # 1326.

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About Knutson

Jim Knutson, director of comprehensive solutions for Trane, leads a Denver, Colo.-based team in serving new construction and retrofit customers in six states: Colorado, Nevada, Montana, Utah, Wyoming and New Mexico. Knutson has more than 27 years of experience providing energy efficiency and contracting solutions for federal, state and local government, K-12/higher education, commercial and industrial clients.

Knutson is a current board member of the Energy Efficient Business Coalition and a member of the Energy Services Coalition, Association of Energy Engineers and the Cogeneration & On-Site Power Association. He played a key role in drafting energy efficiency legislation in 10 states over the past 15 years. Knutson also assisted in the development of the energy performance contracting M&V protocol now used as the standard in many states. He has a bachelor of arts in business administration from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn.

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