



## News Release

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### School & College Building Expo Attendees to Learn About Student-Inspired High Performance Building Upgrades

*—Leaders from Trane and Southeast of Saline USD 306 superintendent to discuss energy and cost saving retrofits—*

**Chicago** (April 13, 2011) — In 2009, a group of high school students in Southeast of Saline Unified School District (USD) 306 in Gypsum, Kan., helped initiate high performance building upgrades by convincing the school board and district administrators that the proposed retrofits made good financial and environmental sense.

Administrators at Southeast of Saline recently completed these building upgrades which they expect to reduce energy consumption 21 percent and save more than \$80,000 a year in energy and operational costs.

At the 2011 School & College Building Expo, **Bill Harris, vice president, education markets for Trane**, will join Dr. Justin Henry, Southeast of Saline school district superintendent, to discuss how these upgrades benefitted the district. The leaders will explain how the retrofits increased operational efficiency, improved the learning environment and enhanced comfort and security for students, teachers and staff. Attendees will also learn how to undertake a similar effort in their own districts.

#### Details of the presentation:

Presentation title: "Students Inspire Energy Efficient Building Upgrades"

When: Thursday, April 14 at 8:30 a.m. (conference is April 12-14)

Where: Room 206/207 at Navy Pier, Chicago

Conference website: <http://www.schoolbuildingexpo.com>.

School & College Building Expo will include a series of combined and specialized sessions, and will feature an array of respected speakers chosen to promote greater education and innovation for the rapidly evolving educational facility design and construction industry. Trane, a leading global provider of indoor comfort systems and solutions and a brand of Ingersoll Rand, is the event's 2011 platinum sponsor.

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#### About Harris

**Bill Harris** serves as vice president, education markets for Trane. Harris is responsible for leading and executing the strategic objectives for K-12 and higher education vertical markets in collaboration with territory vice presidents in North America. Formerly serving as district manager in Connecticut, he has been with Trane since 2000 where he has held various roles with increasing responsibility. Harris received an electronic engineering degree from Pennco Technical Institute and is an active member of his community. He is the vice chair of Northwest Catholic High School's board and serves as board of directors emeritus for the Connecticut Business and Industry Association.

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