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**CLARA BYRD BAKER, D.J. MONTAGUE ELEMENTARY
SCHOOLS FIRST WJCC SCHOOLS TO EARN EPA'S "ENERGY
STAR" AWARD FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY**

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Williamsburg, VA, Nov. 1 – D.J. Montague Elementary and Clara Byrd Baker Elementary are the first two WJCC schools to earn the Environmental Protection Agency's "Energy Star" program award for energy efficiency in their buildings by earning ratings of 88 and 83, respectively.

The Division began participating in the Energy Star program in August, 2009, and has since embarked on a concerted effort to create a "culture" of energy conservation in WJCC buildings. This is achieved by setting thermostats at recommended settings, adhering to heating and air conditioning schedules, and habitually turning lights and equipment off when not in use.

To earn the EPA's Energy Star award, a building must achieve a rating of 75 or higher, based on the information about the building, such as its size, location, number of occupants, number of personal computers, etc. The rating system estimates how much energy the building would use if it were the best performing, the worst performing, and

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every level in between. The system then compares the actual energy data entered to the estimate to determine where the building ranks relative to its peers.

“The staff and students at D.J. Montague and Clara Byrd Baker are to be congratulated for achieving this significant energy efficiency milestone in the relatively brief amount of time our Division has been involved with the Energy Star program,” said Brian Weaver, WJCC energy education specialist. “There are several more schools that are very close to achieving the 75 rating. It is clear that our Division is taking energy conservation seriously.”

“The Energy Star Program is one of many steps we are taking in our Division to ensure that we remain environmentally aware,” noted WJCC Acting Superintendent Dr. Scott A. Burckbuchler. “Not only does it make our buildings ‘greener,’ using less energy means spending fewer dollars that we can in turn put toward instruction.”

Photo 110210 Turner: D.J. Montague Elementary School Principal Lynn Turner, left, and Assistant Principal Kim Pickles led the energy conservation effort at D.J.

Photo 110210 DJ Staff: The staff of D.J. Montague Elementary School, which achieved an 88 Energy Star rating.

Photo 110210 Weaver: WJCC Energy Education Specialist Brian Weaver, left, congratulates Clara Byrd Baker Assistant Principal Phyllis Dorsey and Principal Bruce Brelsford on their Energy Star Award.

Photo 110210 CBB Staff: The staff of Clara Byrd Baker helped earn the school an 83 Energy Star rating.

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