

## **Duluth Public Schools receive \$52,966 in rebates from Minnesota Power for savings from energy improvements to Homecroft and Lowell Schools**

*(October 28, 2009 – Duluth)* Minnesota Power on Wednesday presented a rebate totaling \$52,966 to the Duluth Public Schools to reflect savings the district realized by utilizing energy-efficient products and processes in its recent upgrades to Homecroft Elementary School and Lowell Elementary School.

The installation of energy-efficient lighting and refrigeration, along with the implementation of modern energy management systems, were among the improvements that led to savings of \$25,339 at Homecroft and \$27,627 at Lowell. When combined with energy savings in 2008 at the remodeled Lakewood Elementary (\$20,652) and Stowe Elementary (\$16,686), Minnesota Power has rebated more than \$90,000 to the Duluth School District.

“These rebates from Minnesota Power are great examples of how Duluth taxpayers are already benefiting from modernizing their schools,” said School Board Chair Tim Grover during a check-presentation ceremony Wednesday at Lowell Elementary. “The more than \$90,000 we’ve received to date represents only four schools. When the rest of our schools have their energy efficiencies in place, we look forward to additional rebates, not to mention the ongoing savings these improvements will mean on an annual basis.”

Tina Koecher, the Minnesota Power Conservation Improvement Program Administrator who presented the check to Grover, said the rebates are part of Minnesota Power’s PowerGrant conservation program, which rewards projects that maximize the benefits of energy efficiency such as decreased costs, increased output, enhanced productivity and reduced environmental impact.

“Minnesota Power is committed to working with the Duluth Public Schools to improve energy efficiencies and mitigate costs,” said Koecher. “We look forward to expanding upon this relationship as additional schools are completed and further energy efficiencies are realized.”

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