

# Governor Mifflin School District

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## **MIFFLIN PARK ELEMENTARY EARNS LEED SILVER RATING**

SHILLINGTON, PA, JULY 2010 - Nearly one year after the opening of Mifflin Park Elementary School, the Governor Mifflin School District received confirmation that its newest K-4 building earned a Silver Rating from the US Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program. Governor Mifflin is proud to be one of only a few public schools in the state to have a LEED Silver certified building.

Mifflin Park Elementary School was designed by The Architectural Studio. Turner Construction Company was the construction manager for the project.

To attain the Silver Rating, the project team demonstrated that the building met certain criteria in the areas of energy savings, water efficiency, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reduction, improved indoor environmental quality and stewardship of resources. LEED ratings are based on a point value system and include Platinum, Gold, Silver and Certified. The rating system was designed by the US Green Building Council to encourage and facilitate the development of more sustainable buildings.

Per the LEED evaluation, some of Mifflin Park's sustainable features include:

- 43.9% reduction in water usage through water-efficient fixtures
- 28% reduction in annual energy usage
- 80% waste from construction site was recycled
- 27% of the building materials contain recycled content
- 23% of the building materials were extracted and manufactured regionally (within 500 miles)
- 65% of the wood used in the building is FSC-certified (sustainably harvested)
- all adhesives and sealants in the building contain low volatile organic compounds
- all carpet was comply with the CRI Green Label Plus Program
- all composite and aggregate products contain no added urea-formaldehyde
- 90% of occupied spaces have exterior views

Governor Mifflin's business manager, Mark Naylor, noted that the district saw a dramatic savings in electricity costs due to the building's green design. In 2009-10, Mifflin Park's electricity usage was 78% of other similarly-sized district school buildings.

The media is welcome to report on the LEED status of Mifflin Park Elementary School. For more information, or to schedule a visit or interview, please contact Keri Morton at 610-775-1312 or [kmorton@gmsd.k12.pa.us](mailto:kmorton@gmsd.k12.pa.us).

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