
School District of Black River Falls

Black River Falls, WI

Incentive: \$36,474

Utilities: WE Energies, Black River Falls Municipal Utility

Program: Agriculture, Schools and Government Program

The School District of Black River Falls, located in Jackson County, received a \$36,474 incentive check from Focus on Energy, WE Energies, and Black River Falls Municipal Utility. In May of 2018, the District collaborated with Focus on Energy and Trade Ally contractor, Upper 90 Energy, LLC on district-wide energy efficiency projects.

Upper 90 Energy, LLC worked in tandem with Focus on Energy to ensure the projects would meet the incentive requirements for qualified energy efficiency measures. Efficiency upgrades included a district-wide comprehensive lighting initiative replacing each lighting system with light emitting diode (LED) lighting and heating and cooling equipment improvement measures utilizing variable frequency drives (VFDs) in the high school gym and the middle school natatorium.

“Over the past 16 years, the Focus on Energy Program has played an important role helping the District become more efficient from not only an environmental standpoint but also in an economic manner,” said Jill Collins, Director of Business Services for the School District of Black River Falls. “Energy Advisor, David Voss has worked with us every step of the way, from identifying incentive opportunities to discussing strategies and opportunities for continuous facility improvement.”

By completing this project, the School District of Black River Falls will save 346,120-kilowatt hours (kWh) of electricity and 16,648 Therms of natural gas in the first year. This is enough electrical energy to power 53 Wisconsin homes for an entire year. These energy savings combined with Focus on Energy incentives will provide an estimated five-year payback, saving the District more than \$50,560 on their energy bills each year.

“The School District of Black River Falls has made definite improvements on its journey in becoming more energy efficient,” said David Voss, Energy Advisor for Focus on Energy’s Agriculture, Schools and Government Program. “Since the District continues to make energy efficiency a priority, it has been able to enhance the quality of learning environments and provide a beneficial experience for students, staff and the community.”