

NJ School District Honored for Going Green

POMPTON PLAINS, NJ -- Morris Hills Regional High School District has been honored with a Certificate of Achievement for accomplishment at two of its high schools to implement healthier, green cleaning systems into the schools' operation.

The high schools, Morris Hills and Morris Knolls, which are both located in Rockaway, NJ, educate approximately 2,800 students.

The award was given to the high schools by ATRA Janitorial Supply Co. of Pompton Plains, NJ, and Enviro-Solutions, a manufacturer of Green cleaning products.

"As a parent, I appreciate all the effort that the Morris Hills Regional District has shown in creating a safer and healthier indoor environment for their students, teachers, and faculty," says Anthony Crisafulli, vice president of ATRA. —Their efforts have been addressing the concerns of the outdoor environment as well. Their actions not only protect our environment, but are helping to care for our children's future as well."

Among the efforts the school has taken, which was noted in the certificate, is to transfer to only Green-certified cleaning chemicals and systems in both high schools. This includes products used for the restrooms, floors, and windows, as well as all-purpose cleaning.

Upon receiving the award, the director of facilities for the district, Steve Ternosky, urged parents, students, and faculty to take Green one step further. "While I am excited we have brought Green cleaning into our schools, which has already shown it can improve the health of our staff and students, I encourage each of you to review the cleaning chemicals and products you use at home and consider transferring to environmentally preferable products at home as well."

Crisafulli noted that while many school districts are now considering or enforcing the use of Green cleaning products, the Morris Hills district did this on its own. —"They recognized Green cleaning's importance early and have taken a leadership role, leading the way for other districts around the country," he says.

ATRA Janitorial Supply Company was founded in 1982, by Tony and Al Crisafulli. Over the years, ATRA has been building a foundation of service, training, quality products, and competitive pricing. ATRA distributes a complete range of technologically advanced cleaning chemicals, paper products and polyethylene can liners.

An ISO-9001 certified company, Enviro-Solutions was established in 1994 with very focused goals: To develop and market a superior line of environmentally preferable cleaning products and solutions.