

The ASBO Pinnacle Awards Program

2002 Pinnacle of Excellence Award



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Given the rising costs and tightening budgets in the education community, it's essential to economize on major expenditures. That's especially true when it comes to key commodities like energy. ASBO's 2002 Pinnacle of Excellence recipient, Robert Dooley, RSBO, can vouch for the importance of generating such savings.

Robert established a district-wide energy management program that's resulted in reduced power consumption, cost savings, and a cutback in the use of non-renewable resources. The key to the program's success involved hiring a district energy manager who reports directly to Dooley. The new manager has implemented the following policies that have contributed to substantial savings: the use of trading futures to purchase heating oil, buying natural gas through a cooperative purchasing agreement, and conducting a through review of the district's electricity bills.

Along with these achievements, Dooley's school district has succeeded in obtaining significant funding grants, including \$180,000 for energy-efficient lighting. The district is also receiving a grant to install solar energy panels on the roof of the district's high school. This system will not only save money, but will provide electricity for student projects such as an electric car and a weather station.

By shrinking their budgets more than 25% and realizing approximately \$1,000,000 in savings, Dooley's district has developed an exemplary energy management program. Congratulations to Robert Dooley, RSBO, Director of Business Affairs for Rhode Island's Warwick Public Schools, whose management efforts have merited the ASBO Pinnacle of Excellence Award.

