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Sullivan County School District to get biomass system

LAPORTE, Pa. -- The Sullivan County School District is installing a new biomass district energy system that will supply heating and hot water for the elementary school, high school and new administrative offices.

The biomass system will replace 85 percent of fuel oil used at the facility and reduce the district's annual heating cost by \$115,000.

A state-of-the-art renewable energy plant will generate hot water from locally sourced woody biomass. The hot water will be piped to the high school and distributed to the elementary school and administrative offices.

Pennsylvania-based AFS Energy Systems in Lemoyne is the biomass system manufacturer.

Officials will hold a groundbreaking ceremony for the new biomass plant June 8.

The project is part of the PA Fuels for Schools and Beyond program. It was made possible by financial support from:

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