



## **PMM Companies Help E.L. Haynes School Achieve Cleaning for Health Standards Required for Participation in Healthful School Program**

*PMM Companies, a leading janitorial and facility maintenance company in the Washington, DC and Baltimore metropolitan areas, was instrumental in helping E.L. Haynes become the first public charter school in the nation to join the Healthful Schools program for protecting health and the environment.*

Rockville, MD ([PRWEB](#)) December 08, 2011 -- PMM has been providing cleaning and maintenance services to E.L. Haynes' two D.C. locations since March 2011. A Green Seal Certified cleaning services provider, PMM Companies helps its clients adopt standards that enhance environmental sustainability, improve indoor air quality and promote a healthier environment for building occupants and staff.

To qualify for the Healthful Schools program, E.L. Haynes underwent an audit of its cleaning processes, products and equipment for compliance with the Green Seal™ GS-42 standard. Green Seal is an independent, non-profit organization that provides standards and certifications for product and service providers in the cleaning industry for cleaning to protect health and the environment.

“PMM has been a great partner in helping E.L. Haynes become a leader in best practices for sustainability and health,” said Jimmy Henderson, Chief Operating Officer of E.L. Haynes. “The PMM management team and staff have been very knowledgeable and proactive in helping us implement changes in our day-to-day cleaning and maintenance operations to meet the nation’s most rigorous standards.”

The Healthful Schools Program is part of the Healthful Buildings Partnership, a coalition of building owners, facility managers and service providers who are dedicated to promoting best practices for cleaning and health. Marion Stecklow, Executive Director of the Building Wellness Institute, performed the environmental audit for participation in the Healthful Schools program. “The E.L. Haynes facility scored the highest possible score on our audit. Both E.L. Haynes and their cleaning contractor, PMM Companies, are to be congratulated for their leadership on a vital public health issue,” Ms. Stecklow said. Studies by the Environmental Protection Agency and Cornell Medical School have documented that adoption of high-performance green cleaning practices can reduce doctor’s visits and absenteeism in schools.

### **ABOUT PMM COMPANIES**

PMM Companies is a 35-year-old family business that provides janitorial and facilities maintenance and management services to 350 clients in the Washington, DC and Baltimore metropolitan areas. PMM’s portfolio of clients includes property managers, educational institutions, government facilities, religious facilities and multi-unit complexes. PMM is GS-42 Green Seal™ certified company providing environmentally sustainable services and products for all their clients. For more information visit <http://www.pmmcompanies.com> or call 1-800-254-4PMM.

### **ABOUT E.L. HAYNES PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL**

E.L. Haynes Public Charter School was founded in 2004 and has a program based on nationally recognized best practices for advancing student achievement. E.L. Haynes’ mission is for every E.L. Haynes student of every race, socioeconomic status, and home language to reach high levels of academic achievement and be prepared



to succeed at the college of his or her choice. E.L. Haynes is moving steadily toward achieving this mission; in spring 2011, 90% of E.L. Haynes' 8th graders (our oldest students) scored proficient or advanced in math and 75% scored proficient or advanced in reading.

#### ABOUT THE HEALTHFUL BUILDINGS PARTNERSHIP

The Healthful Buildings Partnership is a coalition of building owners and managers dedicated to maintaining the highest standards for protecting health and the environment. Membership is open to facilities managers for office buildings, schools, public facilities and others who abide by leading national standards for protecting health and the environment set by Green Seal™ and the U.S. Green Building Council™. Compliance with these standards is assured through periodic audits conducted by the Building Wellness Institute.

<http://www.healthfulpartners.com>

#### ABOUT THE BUILDING WELLNESS INSTITUTE

The Building Wellness Institute helps facility managers, building owners, building service contractors, and environmental services staff protect the health and comfort of their building occupants through comprehensive training, consulting and assessment programs. Our training programs and services, delivered by seasoned professionals with cross-discipline expertise in occupational and environmental medicine, public health, industrial hygiene, toxicology, and chemical engineering, are designed to facilitate GS-42 certification, gain points toward LEED certification, and support a wide range of environmental wellness goals.

<http://www.buildingwellness.com>

#### ABOUT GREEN SEAL INC.

Green Seal, a non-profit based in Washington D.C., has been identifying products and services that protect the environment and human health since 1989. The Green Seal mark appears on over 3600 environmentally responsible products and services, and Green Seal is accredited by the American National Standards Institute. The independent organization focuses on certification to its leadership standards, avoiding any conflict of interest that may arise from recommending products or consulting with applicants. For more information and a list of all Green Seal-certified products and services, visit <http://www.GreenSeal.org>

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