



School Hoping to Save by Upgrading Heating and Cooling Systems

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One private school in Shenandoah County is cutting its energy bill by upgrading its heating and cooling systems.

The Massanutten Military Academy in Woodstock is adding centralized air conditioning to four dorms, one dining hall and the gym.

The system will run on natural gas.

The project will cost about \$3 million and officials say they will pay for it with the savings on their energy bill.

Craig Jones, the head of the Massanutten Military Academy, says, "Nearly a decade we think for the project to be fully paid for through cost savings that would occur. But the goal here is not only to offer a better learning and living environment for the cadets in their dorm rooms, barracks and in their classrooms, but to be an example to other schools to show that you can do this in an environmentally safe way."

School officials also hope these changes will attract more students to the school.