Dear NSPMA-

I hope the start of school this year went smoothly for everyone! We all know the tireless hours spent and challenges faced preparing classrooms, core spaces, offices, athletic fields, and grounds. Many also have new construction projects, ESIP work, renovations, portables to install, and sadly, weather related remediation to address. Our theme this year, **Together We Can**, captures the essence of what we, as a national organization partnered with state associations, strive to do to maintain healthy and safe learning environments for all students and staff.

NSPMA has been actively engaged this summer working together as a whole board and in subcommittee on our 2017-2018 goals: state membership growth, increased vendor partnerships, website enhancement, strategic plan implementation, and reevaluation of the need for a NSPMA Executive Director.

NSPMA has dedicated many hours with NJSBGA to establish a collaborative agreement for our 2018 Conference/Expo at Harrah’s Waterfront Conference Center in Atlantic City, NJ. We anticipate 700-800 attendees, 270 partner/vendor booths, valuable training workshops, product and service demonstrations, dynamic keynote speakers, a grand banquet with entertainment, hospitality events, and a spouse/guest tour package. **Please join us! Save the Date: March 12-14, 2018**

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On a very personal note, I would like to acknowledge my student intern, Lauren Kroepl, who is headed off to college at William & Mary, majoring in business and marketing. Lauren is a local, county, and state champion cross country and track runner. Lauren has worked in my office as a junior and senior in high school receiving academic credit and for two summers. Lauren assists my department with countless office tasks and has helped with NSPMA and NJSBGA support as well. I highly recommend those with a high school to consider this mutually beneficial experience.

“Dwell on the beauty of life. Watch the stars, and see yourself running with them.” - Marcus Aurelius

Enjoy the remaining days of summer ~kim
In May, at the National School Facility Masters Conference in Rogers, Arkansas, Dr. John Bailey, Director of School Plants with the Chesapeake Public Schools in Chesapeake, Virginia, was honored as the 2017 National School Plant Manager of the Year.

The award, presented by the National School Plant Management Association, is given each year to a deserving school plant manager that exhibits exemplary leadership and advocacy in supporting positive instructional and work environments that enhances student learning.

Dr. Bailey has been committed over the years to the continued growth of state and national school plant associations and has been a strong advocate for a renewed focus on long term sustainable energy efficiency in school physical plants. Under Dr. Bailey’s exemplary leadership, the Chesapeake Public Schools were awarded the NSPMA Facilities Master Award in 2013 and have received several awards from the Virginia School Board Association based on best practices for energy initiatives.

Dr. Bailey is a past-president of the National School Plant Management Association and is currently the president of the Virginia School Plant Management Association.

Congratulations to Dr. Bailey!
Lennox Industries Partners with School Plant Managers at the State and National Level

For years, Lennox Industries has partnered with the National School Plant Management Association (NSPMA) and many state associations around the nation. This past year, Lennox supported NSPMA as a Diamond Level Partner; the highest level of support and partnership that the Association receives. A recent example of Lennox’s support for state associations was shown at the Lennox Commercial Factory in Stuttgart, Arkansas. Lennox graciously hosted a day of certification classes and provided instructors to cover topics such as General HVAC Maintenance, Troubleshooting, and Equipment Operations, Current Technology on HVAC Controls, and an Overview of Refrigerant Recovery. The day concluded with a tour of the plant where attendees were able to view component manufacturing. The Arkansas School Plant Management Association greatly appreciates Lennox’s support or Arkansas school districts and school plant managers over the years!
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October 1-4, 2017 in Saratoga Springs, NY, [Web Site]

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