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Student Council Leaders Learn to Create High Performance Schools

Trane to Facilitate Energy Auditing Workshops at National Association of Student Councils

LEAD Conferences

**Piscataway, N.J., Jan. 30, 2008** —The National Association of Student Councils (NASC) is adding energy efficient schools to the list of issues that middle and high school student council leaders will focus on at the upcoming Leadership Experience and Development (LEAD) Conferences.

At the conferences, these leaders will have the opportunity to learn about the importance of energy efficient schools and how to conduct energy audits in their own schools, helping their districts save money and be more responsible to the environment. An energy audit is a procedure used to examine energy use in a building and determine ways of reducing the amount used.

The NASC has teamed with Trane, a leading global supplier of indoor comfort systems and facility management solutions, to host a workshop titled "Get Involved: Energy Efficiency and Your School" at the National Association of Student Council regional LEAD conferences. These conferences are being held in:

- Washington, D.C., Feb. 1 to 3;
- New Orleans, Feb. 8 to 10;
- and Chicago, Feb. 22 to 24.

The LEAD workshops are for student council leaders and advisors in middle and high schools, designed to encourage interstate communication among student leaders and advisers, as well as to strengthen leadership skills and to prepare those attending for leadership roles on the local, state and regional levels.

Trane's workshop, "Get Involved: Energy Efficiency and Your School," will educate attendees on the benefits and advantages of environmentally responsible schools, including some of the steps involved in creating a high performance, energy efficient school, such as the importance of energy efficiency in schools and its impact on the environment.

"Energy consumes nearly XX percent of the average school district's budget," said Maureen Lally, school energy leader for Trane. "That's money that should be going to classrooms. After the workshop, these student leaders will have the knowledge and tools to take a leadership role in demonstrating the economic and environmental benefits of energy efficiency to their fellow students and school administration."

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Trane presenters will share ways for student council members to get involved with an energy / green program in their schools, and teach them how to do it – including energy auditing and analysis, presenting learnings to administration and encouraging fellow students and faculty to take action.

For more information on the LEAD workshops, please visit <a href="www.nasc.us/lead">www.nasc.us/lead</a>.

#### **About the National Association of Student Councils**

The National Association of Student Councils promotes and provides leadership development opportunities to prepare and empower student leaders to serve their schools and communities. Since 1931 the goal of NASC has been to help all student councils become more effective organizations. NASC represents middle level and high school councils nationwide. It seeks to provide a valuable leadership partnership between students and their school. It creates the opportunity for students to become effective leaders, thus encouraging and influencing a positive school climate. The operation and administration of NASC is done at the national office in Reston, Virginia. The NASC Executive Board members determine policy, evaluate procedures and programs, are resources for the membership and staff, and are national advocates for the association. The policies they set are the essence of NASC and what it believes, what it stands for, what and how it values and believes.

#### **About Trane**

Trane Inc. (NYSE: TT), previously named American Standard Companies Inc., provides systems and services that enhance the quality and comfort of the air in homes and buildings around the world. The company offers customers a broad range of energy-efficient heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems; dehumidifying and air cleaning products; service and parts support; advanced building controls and financing solutions. Selling under both the Trane® and American Standard® brand names, the company's systems and services have leading positions in premium commercial, residential, institutional and industrial markets; a reputation for reliability, high quality and product innovation; and a powerful distribution network. In 2006 the business generated annual revenues of approximately \$6.8 billion with \$4.9 billion coming from equipment systems and \$1.9 billion from services. Trane has more than 29,000 employees and 29 production facilities worldwide. For more information, visit these Web sites: http://www.trane.com/ and http://www.americanstandardair.com/.

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