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Dry-Extraction Scores Highest in School Study

March 13, 2009 — Pasco County School District (PCSD) in Land o' Lakes, FL, released the results of a comprehensive study conducted to determine the best long-term, sustainable floor-care maintenance strategy for its district, according to a press release from Racine Industries, Inc.

The study, conducted by the Pasco County Steering Committee (PCSC), tested five cleaning methods at one of its elementary schools. Each method was conducted by a manufacturer representative. Methods tested included high-flow wet extraction, portable wet extraction, low-moisture encapsulation, low-moisture dry extraction (absorption), and truck-mount wet extraction.

At the conclusion of the four-week testing period, Pasco County Schools' representatives awarded the low-moisture, dry-extraction absorption system, selecting it for implementation throughout its 45 elementary schools and 30 secondary schools. The system was selected based on their maintenance needs, system's reduced cost, the immediate availability of carpet, limited time and resources required, its positive contribution to indoor air quality, and its ease of training and operation.

Using low-moisture, dry-extraction absorption maintenance methods, the PCSC was able to restore its 10-year-old, vinyl-backed, nylon-faced carpet, eliminating replacement costs and enabling the school to retain its carpet rather than replace it with alternative floor coverings such as VCT, the release said.

Considering that initial purchase costs of carpet with installation are typically higher than VCT, the PCSC still found that the savings from the system were a better value.

For more information on the Pasco Country School District, visit www.pasco.k12.fl.us.

About Racine Industries Inc.

Headquartered in Racine, WI, Racine Industries is known for its innovative dry-extraction carpet-cleaning system used in commercial, institutional, and residential carpet cleaning worldwide. For more information, go to www.hostdry.com.

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