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Solar panels installed on Memorial Middle School roof

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(Mark Ylen/Democrat-Herald)

Dave Whipp of Eugene Electric wires and grounds new solar panels last week on the roof of Memorial Middle School.

The panels are owned and maintained by EnergyWise, a Eugene company that's leasing roof space throughout the Greater Albany Public Schools district to generate electricity.

Memorial is receiving the first of the district's solar panel systems. In return for roof space, GAPS will receive payments for the systems totaling approximately \$41,000 per year for 15 years.

EnergyWise founder Peter Greenberg said the district project, when completed, will generate roughly 560,000 kilowatt hours of power per year, about 7.8 million kilowatt hours over the 15-year life of the installation. (The average home uses about 10,000 kilowatt hours per year).

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