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DURANAR GR (graffiti-resistant coating) chosen to protect new middle school *AEP Span sees PPG coating as good investment for cost-conscious school districts*

PITTSBURGH, August 31, 2017 – PPG (NYSE: PPG) and AEP Span have partnered to protect and enhance Issaquah Middle School with DURANAR® GR (graffiti-resistant) coating. It is the first school in the country to incorporate the new graffiti-resistant coating for metal building panels, which features a proprietary formulation that PPG developed to combat a problem that costs U.S. building owners an estimated \$25 billion per year.

Located near Seattle, Issaquah Middle School features a brick facade accented with PRESTIGE SERIES® wall panels by AEP Span. The panels feature Cool Parchment, a DURA TECH™ PVDF paint finish, with the factory-applied *Duranar* GR coating.

Steve Crawford, director of capital projects for Issaquah School District, said *Duranar* GR coating is a sound investment. “While graffiti is not a significant issue in our school district, the graffiti-resistant coating was selected as a low-cost protection system to reduce potential damage and maintenance costs,” he explained.

David Ferrito, vice president of sales, AEP Span, said that the combination of *Prestige Series* wall panels and *Duranar* GR coatings gives building designers color versatility and graffiti control. “Now in addition to a beautiful design, architects can offer their clients an affordable solution for maintaining an attractive and long-lasting building.”

Believed to be the only graffiti-resistant coating system sold and tested by the same company, *Duranar* GR coatings feature a clear, graffiti-resistant barrier over the pigmented color layer of the coating. If the coating is spray-painted or otherwise marred, it can be cleaned by applying DURAPREP® Prep 400 graffiti remover by PPG. After the solution has been allowed to dwell on the stain for 10 to 60 seconds, it can be wiped with a clean cloth or scrubbed with a nylon brush. Most stains can be removed in 10 minutes or less.

When applied on metal siding with the *Duranar* GR clear coating, *Duraprep* Prep 400 field-applied graffiti remover eradicates graffiti as well as paint overspray, pen and marker ink, lipstick, scuff marks, tape residue, bugs, tar and many other substances that mar the appearance of buildings.

Prestige Series panels by AEP Span includes four distinct concealed fastener wall panels which can be mixed and matched to offer design flexibility.

For more information about *Duranar* GR coatings, visit www.ppgmetalcoatings.com or call 1-800-258-6398. To learn more about *Prestige Panels* by AEP Span, visit www.aepspan.com or call 800-733-4955

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