



Energy Education Program Available For Indiana Schools

Energy Action In Schools Program to Launch New Initiative

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(Indianapolis) – Lt. Governor Becky Skillman has announced that Energy Patrols will once again be scouring some Hoosier schools looking for ways to save energy. It's part of the Energy Action In Schools program where students and school administrators work together to reduce energy costs in their buildings, while learning about energy efficiency. The Energy Action in Schools program provides funding and training for the schools that take part, as well as assisting the schools in energy use behavioral audits twice during the school year.

“This program has a double impact,” says Lt. Governor Becky Skillman. “Schools may find ways to reduce their energy usage and therefore their costs. Students participating are taking an active role in the energy usage of their schools, while learning efficiency lessons they can use for the rest of their lives.”

The Energy Action in Schools program is provided by the National Energy Foundation (NEF) with federal funds administered by the Indiana Office of Energy Development (OED). Duke Energy has also provided financial support for the program. Schools wishing to participate in the program must apply online through the OED Web site. The application will be open until September 23.

Schools that participate in the program will receive training for facilities managers/energy managers at selected schools on how to provide behavior training as well as education programs to support energy management efforts in schools. They will also receive Energy Patrol modules for classroom instruction. These patrols, made up of students with teacher support, will monitor energy usage in their school building and make recommendations on how to save energy. The schools will also have a behavioral audit performed twice a year, including assistance with tracking energy savings from their behavior modification efforts.

During the 2010-2011 school year, 21 schools to part in the Energy Action In Schools program, which launched in 2009 with a pilot program. Any school that has previously participated in the program can apply for a mini grant that will cover additional resource materials. Schools new to the program will also have the option to apply for a mini grant for more materials.

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The Office of Energy Development (OED) was created in December 2005 as an extension of the Indiana energy office. Under the leadership of Lt. Governor Becky Skillman, OED is responsible for the state's energy policy. For more information visit www.energy.in.gov. or follow OED on twitter, IndianaEnergy.

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