

Energy CLASS Prize

Challenge: To develop a process to systematically reduce environmental impacts and improve health and resiliency by balancing human, environmental and economic priorities. As a district, we need a guiding document to make balanced decisions and our facilities staff need skill building opportunities to adapt to new and changing equipment, technologies and systems. The addition of DOE resources will help Bellingham Public Schools (BPS) achieve the goals outlined in our Climate Action Plan.

Proposed Facilities to Address: BPS approaches sustainability from a district level. Three schools that illustrate our district demographics, aging buildings and need for modernization include: Cordata Elementary, Shuksan Middle and Squalicum High Schools.

Impact: The Energy CLASS Prize would allow BPS to build capacity within our workforce, specifically those who lead energy improvement efforts and maintain our current lighting, HVAC, and other systems. This is an opportunity for BPS to deepen our knowledge and guide us to make decisions that are fiscally and environmentally sound.

Energy Champions: Our team consists of district leadership as well as facilities, operations, and capital projects staff that influence decisions related to district culture, new building, modernization of aging facilities, and teaching and learning.

