

PowerSave Schools Programs School-based Behavior Change

PowerSave Schools Mission:



Create Cultures of Efficiency





Schools Present Unique Challenges

- School culture can feel intractable
- Staff often overworked,& under-resourced
- Multi-use facilities
- Energy costs are invisible





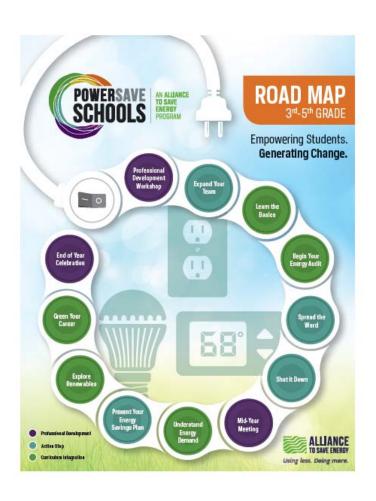
Schools Also Present Opportunities

- \$6-8 billion in annual energy use
- Students are the best change agents
- Students affects families and communities
- Educate future generations of energy users, professionals and leaders





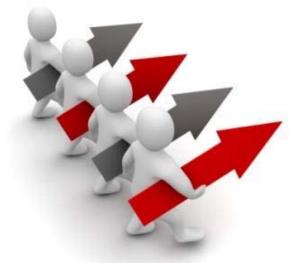
Start with Structure





Align Priorities

- 1. Create a better, more comfortable learning environment
- 2. Integrate hands-on energy education
- 3. Instill simple, common-sense energy saving behaviors





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GV1 how is this different then Powersave Goals above?

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Student Leadership





Teambuilding

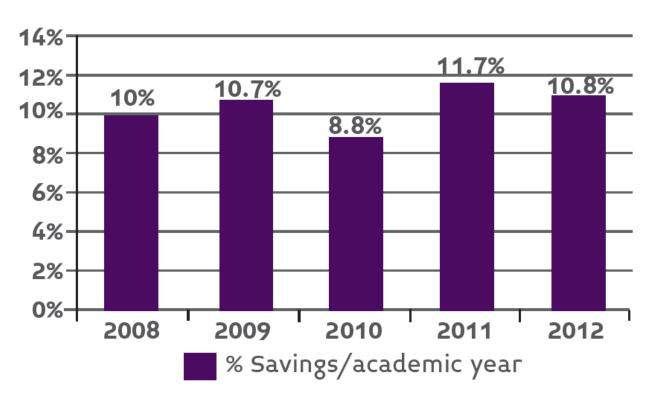
Students, Teachers, Custodians, Administrators work together





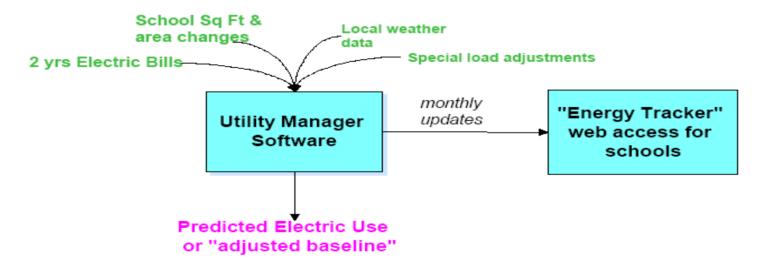
19 Years of Measurable Savings

- Average 1st Year savings of 5-15%
- 2nd Year savings of 10-20%
- PG&E 1-Year Pilot: ~20%





How are PowerSave schools' savings determined?



Predicted Use - Actual Use +/- Adjustments = kWh Savings

kWh Savings X avg \$ per kWh = \$ Savings



Home & Community Outreach

- Achieved a 40% return rate on Home Energy Efficiency Surveys for Southern California Edison in 2013-14
- Partnership with Grid Alternatives, providing low-income solar
- Conducted a 27,000 CFL Exchange Program





Social Science Research

Behavior
Intervention
Strategies that make
Efficiency Stick

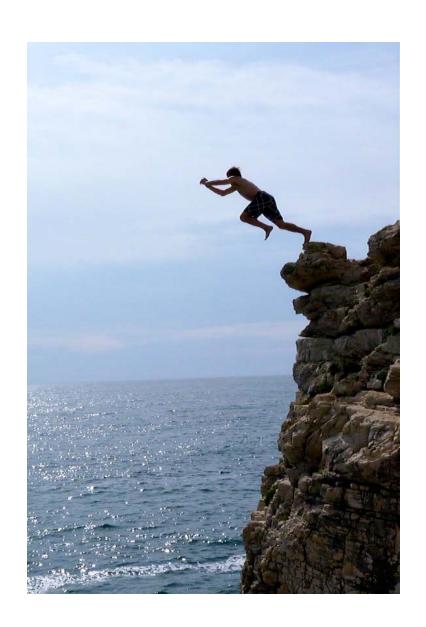




Commitment

- Goal-setting
- Identify priorities that matter
- Encourage commitment to execute specific actions
- Start small

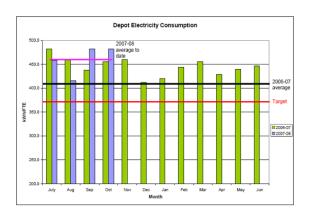
Example: Energy-saving pledges



Feedback

- Provide visual energy use information
- Periodic information about
 - Energy consumption
 - Behavior tracking

Example: Monthly Energy Savings Reports & Energy Patrol Stars



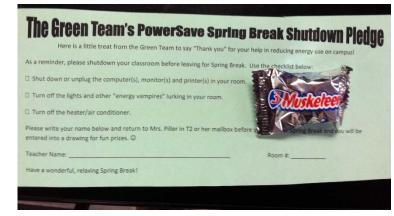




Follow-through

- Remind individuals to make good on their stated intention or commitment
- Provide prompts or reminders
- Thank people

Example: Holiday Shut-down Checklist





Social Norms

- Strategies that leverage the power of "normal"
- People are more motivated by peer status than by highminded goals or personal reward

Example: Energy Savings Leaderboard

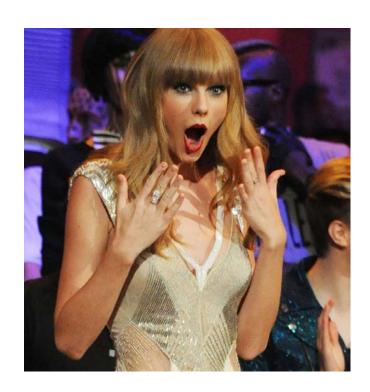




Rewards and Recognition

- Reward achievement or willingness to engage in a behavior
- Recognition of success, escalating incentives

Example: Classroom Energy Patrols





The Power of Competition





Multi-pronged Strategies

- Leverage multiple types of intervention to affect behavior
- Combine frequent feedback with rewards and social comparison
- Make it fun. Make it easy.





Future Directions

- Revolving Funds
- Behavior-as-Resource
- PowerSave Plus: Facilities
 & Occupant Engagement
- Measuring Persistence
- Faith-based Programs





Thank You!

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