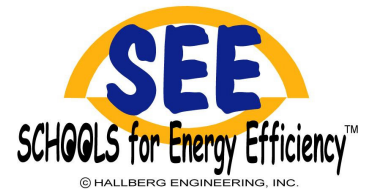


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National Energy Representatives Attend SEE Peer Exchange

White Bear Lake, MN – National, regional, and local government representatives from several energy efficiency organizations were invited to attend the Schools for Energy Efficiency (SEE) Peer Exchange event on January 12, 2005. Current school districts participating in the SEE program gathered to share ideas on how to implement energy efficient changes at their schools.

Energy Efficiency Coordinators, Buildings & Grounds Directors, and Business Managers at each district truly benefit from the networking opportunity SEE Peer Exchange events provide. "We have mentors, galore! We never have to reinvent the wheel," says ISD 622's Energy Efficiency Coordinator, Laurie Hawkins. Learning how to overcome similar barriers and obstacles others face has proved invaluable for SEE districts.

Special guest speakers at this winter's exchange were Steve Palmeri with the Chicago Regional Office of the U.S. Department of Energy and Bruce Nelson from the Minnesota State Energy Office who presented information on low interest loan programs for efficient facility upgrades available to schools. "The Department of Energy encourages schools to participate in energy saving programs such as Minnesota's Schools For Energy Efficiency, that promote proven, reliable methods to reduce energy consumption and increase the livability of buildings," says Steve Palmeri.

Also visiting was the National Director of Energy Smart Schools, Blanche Sheinkopf who shared insight into what other school districts across the country are achieving with energy efficiency. The end of the day was perfectly capped with an inspirational presentation from Linda King who is the Rebuild America-Midwest Regional Representative. She shared very heartfelt words of encouragement asking attendees to continue promoting energy efficiency in schools because the educational, monetary, and environmental rewards make a powerful difference.



"We are honored to have such support from the Department of Energy for our program," Joe Hallberg, President Hallberg Engineering, Inc.

The Schools for Energy Efficiency (SEE) Program was created by Hallberg Engineering, Inc. of White Bear Lake, Minnesota, an engineering firm with over 25 years experience serving school districts. "The SEE Program is available for school districts who wish to implement an energy savings program and are looking for an off the shelf program that can be adapted to their specific needs," Joe Hallberg.

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