

Press Release



Battle Ground Public Schools

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BG Public Schools to get grant of \$850,000 for energy conservation

Battle Ground Public Schools will receive an \$850,000 grant from the state to upgrade plumbing and lighting systems as part of a district-wide energy-conservation project totaling \$1.9 million. That grant and 44 others out of 55 applicants were announced Thursday by Gov. Chris Gregoire.

The rest of the money for the Battle Ground district's project to upgrade lighting and plumbing in several schools is to include \$280,000 from Clark Public Utilities as part of its energy-savings incentive program and a state loan of \$859,000 to be repaid over 10 years from savings to the district in costs for water, electricity and natural gas.

The work will be done by Quantum Engineering & Development Co. (www.quantum-engr.com), an energy services company in Renton, Wash. That firm did the energy audit for the school district in preparation for the grant application. The audit identified buildings and systems where upgrades "would get us the most bang for the buck," said MaryBeth Lynn, assistant superintendent for finance and school operations.

Gregoire said, "Communities throughout our state will see these grants pay immediate dividends on jobs and energy savings, and we'll gain long-term benefits through quality improvements and cost savings in our public school buildings."

Battle Ground Public Schools Superintendent Shonny Bria said, "We're delighted to have been chosen for one of these ESCO (energy-services company) grants. It validates the efforts this district has already made and continues to make in cutting energy costs in bus fuel, electricity, water and natural gas, as well as our plans for doing even more to reduce those costs and conserve energy."

The project in Battle Ground will include retrofitting or replacement of interior and exterior lights with new, energy-conserving fixtures and water-conservation upgrades, including retrofitting or replacing toilets and urinals with models that use less water and sinks that use less water and require less energy for heating water.

The grant application outlines work to be done at the following schools:

Lighting system retrofits and replacements – Battle Ground and Prairie high schools; Amboy, Laurin, Chief Umtuch, Pleasant Valley and Maple Grove middle schools; Glenwood Heights, Pleasant Valley, Maple Grove, Captain Strong and Yacolt primary schools.

Plumbing system/plumbing retrofits and upgrades -- Battle Ground High School; Amboy, Laurin, Chief Umtuch, Pleasant Valley and Maple Grove middle schools; Glenwood Heights, Pleasant Valley, Maple Grove, Captain Strong and Yacolt primary schools.

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