



Need/Challenge: Our largest need for the Energy CLASS Prize is for training and coaching. The East Cleveland City Schools need a train the trainers' model for our Cardinal Champions Team. The team then will train all of the district's custodians. Currently, the custodial staff are lacking in knowledge regarding how to implement building upgrades in order to save and sustain energy.

Impact: The Energy CLASS Prize would be a tremendous asset in the East Cleveland City Schools. As the poorest city in Ohio (fourth poorest in the Nation) the schools receive little funding from the community. Our funding comes from the State of Ohio foundation and from state and federal grants. The Energy CLASS Prize would allow the district to save money on energy costs; and, to be able to use the current funding spent on building upgrades to fund more programs for the students district-wide.

Team/Proposed Energy Champion(s): We call our team the Cardinal Champions. The lead of the team is the Facility and Operations Manager. The remainder of the team is comprised of the Building and Grounds Supervisor and two lead maintenance staff. This dynamic team of four will become trainers for the remainder of the custodial, building and grounds, and maintenance staff. In house expertise will be a key to address necessary energy and facility upgrades.