

Conservation Panorama

Cultivating Safer, Healthier Schools

Needs/Challenge: With limited state funds available to districts to conduct energy audits, energy retrofits and building renovations, a large number of northeast Washington's small, rural and remote school buildings are in desperate need of efficiency upgrades and environmental sustainability plans. Through this project, NEWESD 101 is committed to meeting the needs of small and rural schools in our region that have limited access to financial resources and/or a robust property tax base to support large school construction bonds, leaving their students in less than desirable learning environments.

Proposed Facilities: We have identified four high-need schools across three counties within our region that meet eligibility criteria through their respective demographic, need for personnel training or building condition. These are Columbia High and Elementary School, Colville Junior High School, Inchelium Middle School and Trent School.

Impact: This prize would support NEWESD 101's commitment to cultivating safer, healthier schools across northeast Washington by furthering the advocacy of energy improvements, learning opportunities for maintenance staff and the selection of sustainable building equipment choices for some of our most rural, remote, underserved regions.

Team/Proposed Energy Champions: Team Conservation Panorama will be led by NEWESD 101's Industrial Hygienist, Jerry Page and will include Energy Champions, Columbia SD Maintenance Supervisor, Chris Jensen; Colville SD Maintenance Director, Brandon Judd; East Valley SD Maintenance Executive Director, Mark Nelson; and Inchelium SD Maintenance Supervisor, Leroy Hicks.



From left: Colville Junior High, the view from Inchelium School District, Trent School and Columbia High & Elementary