



# News Release

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## Energy Solutions Coming to a School Near You

Energy rates are on the increase, school budgets are not. What's a school administrator to do? The solution can be found in the classroom.

A determined group of students, meeting at hundreds of schools throughout Illinois have documented their ability to reduce energy use in existing buildings. They've done this without legislation and without substantial funds. What they have had is collaboration with Illinois' energy professionals, dedicated teachers and guidance from Illinois' own EnergyNet.

GCMS High School is a great example. Over the past several years, their students have completed an energy audit of their school to identify the most cost efficient energy solutions. Then they systematically went about securing the funds to replace the lighting, replace the windows and update systems in buildings throughout the district. All of this has been accomplished without increasing the budget or taxes.

Schools serving students in Eastern Illini Electric Cooperative's service territory can now register for a **Free** six week unit incorporating economics, technology, team work and presentation skills. Eastern Illini Electric Cooperative (EIEC) and EnergyNet have teamed up to create *Home Energy Makeover* classroom materials which are correlated to the Illinois Learning Standards in Math and Language Arts.

In addition to the teaching materials and ongoing support from energy experts, participating teachers and students will receive a **Free** Energy Kit (pictured here).



Carol Timms, EnergyNet's Director, is enthusiastic about the partnership with EIEC saying "EIEC is committed to helping their customers reduce energy costs and increase comfort. They recognize the tremendous capacity young people have for impacting the habits and attitudes of adults. *Home Energy Makeover* will give students the tools to make a difference while they're learning." Timms continued, "*Home Energy Makeover* is a project-based learning unit that incorporates fun, learning, technology and team work. This combination has been especially effective in enhancing learning and reducing behavioral problems."

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