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300 Evergreen Middle School students learn *Energy Matters*

The large-scale field trip to Fluke Corporation was culmination of students' year-long study of energy conservation

Fluke Corporation's staff welcomed 300 Evergreen Middle School students on June 14.

This large-scale learning field trip was the culmination of students' long-term *Energy Matters project*. This project was the result of a partnership between Everett Public Schools and Washington Green Schools.

Students presented their school energy conservation projects to professionals from Boeing, Fluke, and Snohomish County PUD. Those professionals gave students feedback about students' research and results.



Fluke Corporation staff works with Evergreen Middle School students at Washington Green Schools' energy symposium. Photo courtesy of Washington Green Schools.

Although students have been getting that help and support all along from teachers, the comments from professional outsiders carried a different weight.

While their interest was high and while in the midst of a thriving STEM facility, students also learned about potential opportunities in energy careers. They worked hands-on during demonstrations of Fluke equipment used to monitor energy.

The goal of this experience and others planned for next year is to inspire students to continue studying STEM areas. The experience is also designed to build on the conservation and efficiency choices students have learned through *Energy Matters* this year.

Dana Riley Black, Executive Director of STEM, Partnerships and Legislation, emphasized the important of such partnerships, "Partnerships, such as this one with Fluke, help students understand the scope and possibilities for future careers and help clarify the pathways to those careers. Our work includes expanding the number of such 'career connected learning' connections for students in our district."

North Middle School students took part in the district's first <u>Energy Matters</u> experience in October 2014. "This year's experience for students at Fluke demonstrates how the partnerships have strengthened and how we are fostering STEM interest in today's students," noted Superintendent Gary Cohn.

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