

# Green School Partnerships

–Getting The Most From Working Together–  
Mission Public Schools & District of Mission

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# School District #75 (Background)

- ▶ School District #75
  - 6500 students
  - 13 elementary – 4 Secondary – 1 Distributed Learning
  - 3 elementary schools operate outside the District of Mission
- ▶ Underwent B.C. Hydro Energy Management Assessment (EMA) – Dec., 2008
- ▶ The school district had already picked off much of the “low hanging fruit”
- ▶ EMA results identified the need for behavioural and cultural change
- ▶ Conversations with the District of Mission

# History of Cooperation

- ▶ ***Strong and historical working relationship between District of Mission and Mission Public Schools***
- ▶ Joint Use of Facilities Agreement
- ▶ Tri-partnership of Heritage Park Centre
  - School District #75 (Mission)
  - District of Mission
  - University of the Fraser Valley
- ▶ Parks & Recreation initiated Club KIDS
- ▶ Restorative Resolutions
- ▶ WHIN Project
- ▶ Recycling of compostable materials and recyclable materials – currently expanding
- ▶ Fuel supply and grounds materials

# Energy Management Assessment

- ▶ **Demonstrated Leadership Commitment**
  - Board of Trustees signed Climate Action Charter
    - Formal District policy in development
- ▶ **Targets & Motivation**
  - Energy Manger contract defines 250 000 kilowatt hours
  - Benefits – Improved carbon footprint + cost savings
- ▶ **Awareness and Training**
  - Environmental sustainability
- ▶ **Resourcing**
  - Identification & Implementation of energy savings initiatives
- ▶ **Reporting and Feedback**
  - Defining the mechanisms of measuring success