

# Center for Green Schools UTC Fellow

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# Fellowship program











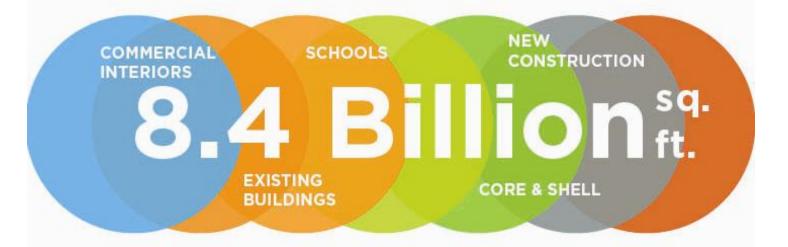
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# Center for Green Schools



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MARKET TRANSFORMATION

# Center for Green Schools OUR MISSION: GREEN SCHOOLS WITHIN THIS GENERATION



# **Definitions**

green school

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a school building or facility that creates a healthy environment that is conducive to learning while saving energy, resources and money

# **Definitions**





# Green Schools

# What's the BIG deal?

Why do YOU care?

Why should WE go GREEN?

# Green Schools

# million students and million faculty of America's population



# Six reasons I care about Green Schools





# Farah McDill





# Sustainable Vision Statement

- District Green Team
- Energy Management Plan
- Transportation Services
- Nutrition Services
- Planning and Operations
- Professional Development
- School/community gardens

# **CELEBRATE Champions**

- Brenda Padilla and Diana Flores
  - Healthy and local food
- Chuck Ernst and Kurt Schoener
  - Bio-diesel
- Barry Evpak and Don Compton
  - Lighting Retrofit
- Jim Dobson and Paul Breckenridge
  - The MET High School and Luther Burbank Sports Complex
- Tommy Greer
  - School Gardens
- Principals and Project Green Advisors at 17 schools

# SCUSD Project Green

- Students perform Green School Audits
- Generate recommendations for improvement
- Present recommendations to a "blue ribbon" panel on April 18<sup>th</sup> at The MET High School
  - Short written document explaining process and final recommendation
  - "Science Fair" style event
- \$5 million of reallocated bond funds support chosen projects
- Project executions to start during the Summer of 2012



# Major Initiatives

- Implementation of student Project Green recommendations
- Expand a comprehensive recycling program
- Partner with local organization to analyze indoor air quality in classrooms across the District
- Expand outdoor education by increasing the number of school gardens and expanding schoolyard natural habitats

# Results

- The District-level Green Team has held two meetings, and will continue to meet quarterly.
- Kim Williams, a Washington Elementary teacher, was selected as "The Coolest Teacher in the World".
- Theodore Judah Elementary California
   Department of Education Green Ribbon School Program.
- Seventeen student-led school teams will present Green School recommendations at the April 18<sup>th</sup> Project Green event.

# Lessons Learned/Next Steps

- Across the District, at every level, employees are extremely busy. It is hard to find time to educate in order to create change. Appreciates the time thus far, however access to staff has been very challenging.
- Project Green Event, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012
- Connect with local health organizations regarding indoor air quality analysis
- Supply more information to school sites and District staff about recycling program
- Energy Saving Incentive Program



# Thank you!

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