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**El Dorado Union High School District
Receives Energy Stewardship Award**



El Dorado, CA – After reducing energy use by 18 percent under a conservation partnership, the El Dorado Union High School District (EDUHSD) received the Energy Stewardship Award from Cenergistic, a nationwide sustainability company.

The Energy Stewardship Award is given to recognize the environmental impact of a program. The EDUHSD Program, in place since 2019, has prevented carbon emissions equivalent to 2.3 million miles of automobile travel or 161 homes.

“To have this kind of environmental impact, in just over a year after beginning our partnership, shows major buy-in from all levels of the EDUHSD,” said Matt Bower, Regional Vice President at Cenergistic. “This program is well-positioned to create significant impacts on the environment and the larger community.”

EDUHSD personnel work closely with Cenergistic engineers, experts, and an Energy Specialist to audit and optimize energy-using systems across the District to achieve peak efficiency and maintain buildings. The Energy Specialist tracks energy consumption at all campuses with state of the art technology to identify waste.

In response to COVID-19 related shutdowns, the Energy Specialist used hundreds of facility audits to improve air quality and support facility operations to ensure students and staff were able to return to school safely.

“Our partnership with Cenergistic has helped us realize valuable utility savings of over \$400,000 in 18 months,” said Robert Whittenberg, EDUHSD Assistant Superintendent of Business Services. “The Cenergistic team also helped the District by providing valuable insights to optimize our HVAC systems, ensuring classrooms and buildings receive the maximum amount of fresh air.”