Progr ams for students and schools in San Mateo County

Peninsula Clean Energy has provided about $760,000 in financial support for environmental and energy-related programs in schools and community colleges

Youth Climate Ambassadors program
Peninsula Clean Energy provides annual funding for this youth leadership program for 9th – 12th grade students. The year-long program provides students with the opportunity to dive into social and environmental issues related to the climate crisis. Students strengthen their knowledge about climate change and build skills while developing and implementing an impact project that addresses local sustainability issues.

“I have definitely grown as a Youth Climate Ambassador since I started the program...I have learned a TON about climate change, gotten to meet and work with so many high schoolers around the Bay Area, and have been able to put together an awesome community impact project.” – Former Student Ambassador

School district energy dashboard pilot
Peninsula Clean Energy is funding a pilot program to deploy energy and sustainability dashboard systems at school districts in San Mateo County. In addition to facilitating schools as learning labs for climate solutions, the adoption of these dashboards help make facilities and operations data transparent and accessible for teachers, administrators, and students.

“As more and more school districts advance their commitments to sustainability action and education, campus facilities dashboards are becoming central tools of transparency, equity, accountability, and collective action for every level of the school community.” – Andra Yeghoian, formerly with the San Mateo County Office of Education

Green Career Awareness program
The purpose of San Mateo County Office of Education’s Green Career Awareness Program is to increase students’ levels of career and environmental literacies and create opportunities that usher youth toward high-demand, high-wage green careers, jobs, and trades. Through this partnership, Peninsula Clean Energy will support opportunities for middle and high school students to learn about clean energy, building electrification, and electric transportation through experiential field trips and project- and place-based, solutionary curricula.

“It is critical to evolve our K-12 school system to meet the demands of a green workforce, as we must equip future generations with the necessary knowledge, skills, and values to tackle environmental challenges and create a sustainable future.”
– Doron Markus, Ed.D., Career Technical Education and Science Coordinator at the San Mateo County Office of Education

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