APS Earns Prestigious Award for Student-Led Energy Conservation Program

Aurora Public Schools has earned the United States Green Business Council’s Most Successful Community Engagement Award for its Green Stars Program. APS is the first school district in the state to earn this honor and the only one to be recognized at the USGBC Colorado Chapter’s second annual Commercial Real Estate Awards.

Green Stars is a student-led effort to promote energy efficiency and environmental education in schools and to work toward change in the community. More than 30 schools currently participate in the program, which sponsors energy competitions each semester and recognizes top performers with cash awards based on energy savings. APS has awarded more than $30,000 to schools for their efforts in reducing energy use since September 2014.

Thank you to all of the Green Stars schools, students, staff and club sponsors for their time and dedication, which is reflected in this award.

“Our hard work has paid off and every little (or big) effort toward promoting energy efficiency and sustainable projects throughout our district has added up. What an honor it has been to see our students in action!”

- Julie North, APS Natural and Renewable Resources Coordinator

Learn More About Your Tax Dollars at Work

The 2015-16 Bond and Mill Levy Community Report is now available on the APS website. Bond and mill levy programs approved by voters in 2008 and 2012 benefit every student in the district.

The $215 million bond program has funded improvements at every APS school. Due to careful financial management, APS has added more than $41 million in savings and interest to the bond program to fund more projects.

APS mill levy overrides provide nearly $30 million annually to fund educational programs that accelerate learning for every APS student, every day.

To learn more, view the report at bond.aurorak12.org.