



**Dear Educators in the Mid-Columbia and North Franklin School Districts,**

Local energy partners and community leaders are once again collaborating with The REACH Interpretive Center to present the ***The Energy Experience***, a STEM-focused energy and environmental summit for middle school students in the Mid-Columbia region. This is the fourth time we have hosted this event.

You and your 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to attend this year's event on **Tuesday, October 8, 2019**. You can choose one of two sessions, from **8:45 – 11:00 a.m.** or **11:30 – 1:45 p.m.**

The objective of the Energy Experience is to create awareness and understanding of energy generation, safety, energy efficiency and public power. The day's events will focus on the Common Core and Next-Generation science standards for 8th graders. The primary focus will be on educating students about various forms of energy – hydropower, nuclear, wind, solar, natural gas and energy efficiency – and their benefits and challenges.

Interactive booths will be available for the students to experience first-hand the benefits of our region's energy resources. Additionally, partners will introduce students to careers in the energy industry through equipment displays and one-on-one interaction. We will have utility bucket trucks, a high-voltage safety demonstration, electrical circuits, natural gas pipelines and more to examine and learn about. Energy professionals will present how they use science, technology, engineering and math in their daily work.

**The event is free, but limited to the first 600 students!**

We are taking RSVPs for the event now based up on a first-come, first serve basis. If you are interested in registering for this great educational experience or learning more about what this event has to offer, please go to [www.FranklinPUD.com](http://www.FranklinPUD.com). Click "Safety & Education" and "The Energy Experience."

If you have questions, please email Dawn Stringer at [stringed@bentonpud.org](mailto:stringed@bentonpud.org), or call 509-582-2276.

Don't miss this opportunity for your students!

Regards,

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