

*** MEDIA ADVISORY *** MEDIA ADVISORY *** MEDIA ADVISORY ***

Local STEAM Program Presents Virtual Year End Event to Showcase Student Work

Envirolution celebrates its annual Project ReCharge program with student and teacher recognition event

WHAT: Media is invited to log on to Envirolution's virtual year-end student and teacher showcase and recognition event for their work on Project ReCharge, an interactive Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics (STEAM) energy curriculum and training program funded by Tesla's Nevada K-12 Education Investment, NV Energy Foundation, and the Howmet Aerospace Foundation. The yearlong program engages students, teachers and community members in identifying and solving real world energy problems in a hands-on and project based approach.

Over the past year, in the classroom and virtually, these students have been challenged with completing energy and sustainability audits aimed at creating solutions for an energy problem at their school or home. On Thursday, students will present to community members and their peers projects and PSA's with a focus on sustainability and energy efficiency. 25 teachers and over 2,000 Students from across 17 schools within Washoe County, Lyon County, Carson County, and Tahoe-Truckee Unified, participated in this year's program.

Prizes and awards will be given to top proposals and Envirolution will also announce the approval and funding of selected student proposals that, once implemented, will save thousands in annual energy costs. Over the last 5 years, the program has resulted in the adoption of nine student projects, reducing Northern Nevada School Districts' energy use by 3,410 MWh, saving over \$436,504 to date, while mitigating the release of over 1,400 metric tons of CO2e into the atmosphere.

This is going to be a fun and engaging event to celebrate the positive work happening in our community. We hope you can join us in supporting our valuable educators and our future generation of sustainability leaders. However, if you are unable to attend, please reach out for an interview or a written statement with pictures.

WHEN:

Thursday, May 28, 2020 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

WHERE: Virtual Zoom Event

Please <u>RSVP via event brite</u> to receive the Zoom meeting link and details.

AGENDA:

3:30-3:45p.m: Slideshow and welcome presentation

3:45-4 p.m.: Tesla and teacher video shoutout 4-4:15p.m.: Breakout rooms for student proposals 4:15-4:25p.m.: WCSD, McKinstry, and student video

4:25-5:00p.m.: Student awards, announcement of proposal funding from Howmet, CCSD and Envirolution

4:45 - 5:00p.m.: Wrap up





envirolution.org | 775-229-8488

ABOUT:

<u>Envirolution's Project ReCharge</u> is a hands-on and project-based Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics (STEAM) curriculum and training program that engages students, teachers and community members. With a focus on hands-on service learning, Envirolution's programs not only provide career development for students, but also enable participants to give back to their communities. For more information, visit <u>envirolution.org</u> or call (775) 229-8488.

MEDIA CONTACTS: Chaja (Hiya) Hogeweg, chaja@envirolution.org, (218) 260-8010