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A Bright Future for 250 Students Getting Solar Lessons

TXU Energy and NEED help Brighten the Future for FBISD Students

What: Solar cars, ovens and nail polish are not items you'd typically find in a classroom. But, for kids involved in the TXU Energy Solarbration in Sugar Land, it's not a typical day of class!

About 250 fourth, fifth and sixth grade students from the Fort Bend Independent School District (FBISD) will get hands on lessons in the power of the sun during the district's first ever "Solarbration."

TXU Energy and the National Energy Education Development Project (NEED) have partnered to bring the "Solarbration" curriculum and kits to the students.

Students and teachers will also be able to see the first web-enabled solar panel array at FBISD. The panel, which was donated by TXU Energy, will allow teachers and students to enjoy unique lessons in solar power and alternative energy throughout the school year.

Where: Fort Bend Administration Building
16431 Lexington Blvd.
Sugar Land, Texas 77479

When: Tuesday, May 10, 2011
9:00AM-11:00AM
12:00PM- 2:00PM

Background: The TXU Energy Solar Academy, part of a nationally recognized renewable energy education program, helps Texas teachers and students integrate energy education into their classroom and community activities. The program provides teacher training, hands-on kits and curriculum, and a 1-kW web-enabled solar installation to participating customer school districts and educational institutions across Texas. Since launching in 2008, 33 participating school districts and educational institutions have received their donated installation, and over 2,100 teachers and administrators have been trained and are using the TEKS aligned curriculum, reaching approximately 350,000 students per year. The program will eventually include up to 40 school districts, providing training to up to 3,000 educators across Texas.

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