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M&M Area Community Foundation Provides Clean Energy Training

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The MMACF has extended invitations, set a date, and finalized plans for all school districts within Marinette and Menominee Counties to participate in energy assessment and conservation training made possible through the C.S. Mott Foundation grant to the Community Foundation.

The one-day training will be hosted by the Wausaukee School District on Friday, October 5th and will target teachers of grades 5 through 8. School participants will be provided with an Energy Audit Sampler Kit and other educational tools to allow students to assess, understand, and calculate energy use, potential savings, and comparative data related to energy consumption and cost. Teachers will learn to enhance curriculum by employing energy use and assessment tools within the classroom, aligned with Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS).

Trainers and materials will be provided by the Wisconsin Center for Environmental Education at the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point, utilizing training material and coaches funded through the K-12 Energy Education Program (KEEP). All costs for attendees, including substitute teacher pay, mileage and training materials, are covered by the M&M Area Community Foundation in partnership with the KEEP Program.

John Lee, MMACF Clean Energy Team Chair said he was “delighted” with the progress that has been made relating to the goals of the C.S. Mott Foundation grant and area school participation. “What better way to teach math and sciences than hands-on classroom experience using practical models within the very building where lessons are taught?”

In addition to the scheduled October 5th training, the Community Foundation is working with schools throughout Marinette and Menominee Counties to provide energy audits, retrofits, and modifications to existing energy use.

“The Mott Foundation grant is becoming the gift that keeps on giving”, said MMACF Executive Director Paula Gruszynski.