



Tahoe Truckee Unified School District receives largest rebate ever awarded by Liberty Utilities

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In the photo: TTUSD Board members Gaylan Larson, Dee Dee Driller, Superintendent Rob Leri, Board president Kim Szczurek, Liberty Utilities-CA President Jeanne-Marie Bruno, Travis Johnson, Liberty VP of Operations, Board members Cris Hennessey and Kirsten Livak.

Almost \$20,000 was recently awarded to the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District (TTUSD) for improvements made in 2016 to increase energy efficiency at two school facilities.

Even though the check Liberty Utilities gave to TTUSD was for \$19,638.42, the district can expect more than \$15,700 in annual energy bill savings.

The rebate represented the largest incentive payment provided to any commercial customer by Liberty Utilities since it began operations in the Lake Tahoe and surrounding region.

The district made the following two changes:

At Glenshire Elementary School, TTUSD made 765 interior LED lighting retrofits with occupancy sensors at a cost of \$4,415.52.

Over at North Tahoe High School, TTUSD made 953 interior LED lighting retrofits with occupancy sensors and replaced 71 exterior light poles with LED lighting at a cost of \$15,222.90

Superintendent Rob Leri shared, "Environmental stewardship is a priority throughout the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District and community partnerships are a key component to the success of the district's programs. We appreciate the financial savings we're earning through Liberty Utilities as well as the educational opportunity to empower our scholars to be environmentally responsible citizens."

"We're very happy to present this check to the school district," stated Travis Johnson, Liberty Utilities' Vice President. "Any time we can reward a customer to making changes that not only reduce the demand on our system but also benefit our environment, it's a good partnership."

Liberty Utilities' energy efficiency program is approved by the California Public Utilities Commission as a way to encourage commercial customers to reduce their electrical use through efficient energy measures, known as demand management. Technology improvements, such as LED lighting and occupancy sensors, make these efforts affordable.

Another benefit of Liberty's energy efficiency program in the schools is the opportunity it provides for teaching environmental values where the school district can lead by example.

"Our customers tell us that taking care of the beautiful environment we live in is very important to them, and this program is a great tool for us to do just that with our customers," added Johnson.