

# You are invited to a Cool School Challenge Teacher Workshop



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4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. | Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge

100 Brown Farm Road, Olympia, WA 98516

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Just imagine your students involved in one of the most interesting and timely topics of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. They are learning how they can lessen their environmental impact; reduce their individual "carbon footprint" and get their school involved in the same process. They are involved because their teacher took the time to learn about the **Cool School Challenge**.

Teachers of grades 7-12 from **Pierce, Kitsap, and Thurston counties** are invited to participate in a 3-hour workshop to learn about this exciting new educational program. The *Cool School Challenge* engages students, teachers and school districts in a school-wide initiative to reduce carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions by 2,000 pounds or more per classroom, per school year. The *Challenge* empowers students to become leaders, take action, and make a difference. The program can be administered by any teacher interested in becoming a "**Challenge Coach**," and is especially suited for science and math teachers.

We invite you to learn more about the program and how you can become a "Challenge Coach" on November 6<sup>th</sup>. The workshop will include an overview of the program and how it can be used to educate students about practical climate solutions and effectively reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions at your school. Free Washington State Clock Hours will be provided. Additionally, teachers who attend a workshop and then get their students to participate in the *Challenge* will receive a **\$300.00 stipend** after they have submitted their results and a program evaluation. Unlike the 2007-2008 workshops, there will be no stipend for simply attending a *Cool School Challenge* workshop.

This workshop is sponsored by the Northwest Clean Air Agency, Puget Sound Clean Air Agency and Puget Sound Energy and will be conducted by Michael Wierusz of Puget Sound Energy.

Space is limited to 20 participants.

Please RSVP by October 30<sup>th</sup> to Tyler O'Farrell at:

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*The Cool School Challenge program was created and developed by an environmental science high school teacher in partnership with the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency and Puget Sound Energy's Powerful Choices for the Environment program. At the heart of the Cool School Challenge is the philosophy that big changes start with small steps, and that taken together, simple individual actions create a world of difference.*

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