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## **Dysart / APS partnership nets district energy savings**

DYSART SCHOOLS — The Dysart School District and APS have developed a partnership through the APS Peak Solutions Program to assist in the conservation of energy. The APS program is designed to promote electrical demand reduction during summer months. This year the program resulted in a rebate to the Dysart District in the amount of \$52,766. Additionally, according to APS, Dysart's energy conservation is being used as an example for other companies.

APS has helped the district to implement a total of 19 projects at schools across the district, including Canyon Ridge, Mountain View, Riverview and Desert Moon, that involved energy-efficient upgrades to lighting, cooling and motor equipment. In addition to equipment upgrades, Bob Young, director of maintenance and facilities for the district, was also looking for ways to track and better manage overall energy costs. APS worked with him to implement their Energy Information Systems (EIS) program. The APS EIS program collects consumption data daily from APS meters and allows customers to track electricity use and costs from the APS website. The easy-to-use and intuitive interface gives commercial customers a quick-read summary of the information they need to manage their energy budget and forecast future demand. The EIS software makes it simple for customers to identify waste and ways to reduce or eliminate it, as well as to confirm operational change decisions and estimate savings.

Today, the Dysart School District has 30 meters in the EIS program, tracking 25 different facilities. "It's been a great tool for the Dysart District," says Young. "It's a quick, easy way to check on energy consumption and identify problem areas immediately. The district has seen a drop in energy consumption in the past years largely due to being able to readily access this information."