

# City of Lakewood

# SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS

2018

*DEFENDER OF THE PLANET*

YOUTH AWARD



**Energy Buddies**

**Dunstan Middle School Student Council**



The Dunstan Middle School Student Council showed us the power of youth by launching a school-wide energy saving challenge that led to a \$10,000 award for additional energy upgrades. Energy consumption was monitored and shown to all students, using visualization to motivate students and faculty to reduce energy use. The student council leaders aired broadcast announcements, taught a class, audited the building, hung posters, created a teacher challenge and used the school messenger to communicate how energy was being saved in the building and how to save energy at work and home.

A reminder to the community of the power of youth in energy conservation, the students rallied the entire school in support of their effort and shared their success with the Green Mountain Sustainable Neighborhood Energy Committee who have enthusiastically continued to spread these leader's energy conservation message to "take control of their environment and make a change in their community."

## Achievement Area

- Energy, Water, & the Built Environment

