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Green facility programs can help schools save money and create healthy learning environments that boost student performance. Increasingly, school leaders also see them as learning opportunities that can help them meet the state’s environmental literacy requirements.

How can energy, water and building efforts be used to help students grasp environmental principles and concepts? This challenge will be addressed at the 2019 Green California Schools and Community Colleges conference, coming to the Pasadena Convention Center October 16-17.

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**Greening School Fleets**

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An EV Fleet Forum breakfast on October 17 will review current incentives, vehicles and charging infrastructure solutions. The program will include an introduction to Southern California Edison’s Charge-Ready Transport Program, which offers districts an opportunity to have charging infrastructure installed at no cost.

Speakers from the California Energy Commission, the California Air Resources Board and other stakeholders will brief attendees on the latest news regarding current and future state support for EV purchases.

**Hands-On with New Products and Services**

“I am a huge proponent of my district of going to the conference,” said Alan Glass, the energy manager for Northern California’s Pittsburg Unified School District. “Not just for the workshops, but as importantly to see whatever new innovations are out there.”

In fact, the Expo is one of the most popular features of the conference. The 2019 Expo will include everything from electric school buses and charging stations to flooring, design services, roofing and lighting. Government agencies and utility representatives are also on hand to discuss their programs resources and incentives.

**Learning Opportunities**

Two days of concurrent education sessions will help attendees discover the workings of successful facility and curriculum projects on California campuses. Sources for project funding will also be covered. A Technology Showcase track will highlight innovations in solar power, tankless water heaters, HVAC, and more.

**Leadership Awards**

A Leadership Awards reception on October 16 will recognize work at the school, district and educator level. The awards are another way the Summit and its advisory board seek to support and encourage progress in the schools sector.

**More Information**

Sponsors of the Summit include Southern California Edison, Harley Ellis Devereaux, Kimberly Clark, the Energy Coalition, Eemax, Aermec North America, A-Gas, the Western Propane Gas Association and REC Solar. For more about the Summit, or to register online, visit www.green-technology.org. Early registration discounts are available, and additional discounts are available for groups of four or more. For details, call 626.577.5700.