



## What is the EnerG<sup>3</sup> Project?

It is all the Sustainability Initiatives introduced by the Rio Rancho Public Schools Facilities Department to reduce our district's carbon footprint.

What does EnerG<sup>3</sup> stand for? EnerG<sup>3</sup> (pronounced "Energy Cubed") represents the exponential effect of learning about energy conservation in classrooms. When children learn how important it is to save

energy at school, they take their knowledge home to their families. Our families then help to make a more sustainable community by joining together with the common purpose of using energy wisely, in every facet of their lives.

## SCHOOL x HOME x COMMUNITY = CARING FOR NEW MEXICO'S NATURAL RESOURCES

- 1. SCHOOL
- 2. FAMILY
- 3. COMMUNITY

- EDUCATION
- ENERGY literacy
- EFFICIENCY

- GO\*
- GET\*\*
- GREEN\*\*\*

\*Go: Encourage intermodal transportation (Safe Routes to Schools)

\*\*Get: Procurement policies, from paper to HVAC, need to be green

\*\*\*Green: Programs that teach the 5 Rs: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Return, Restore

### Our current programs:

Energy Conservation  
 No Idling Procedure  
 RRPS Recycling Programs  
 Plug Load Plans

Break Shutdowns  
 Renewable Onsite Energy  
 Water Conservation Plan  
 Intermodal Transportation  
 Energy Awareness Contests

Curriculum Integration  
 Using school facilities as  
 learning tools  
 New RRPS LEED® high  
 school opening in August  
 2009

Our department is looking for funding to install a solar photovoltaic array in the northwest corner of the Rio Rancho High School campus. We need to find 1.6 million dollars to get the job done now; it will cost more in dollars and carbon if we postpone this project.

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