



Pioneer Middle School underwent a complete LED lighting retrofit, which was an Accelerator recommendation. The district received PSE incentives to offset the costs of the upgrade.

Insights from a PSE business customer

Clean Buildings Accelerator

Washington state lawmakers passed the Clean Buildings Law (HB1257, 2019) to begin to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from commercial buildings greater than 50,000 square feet. To help our business customers who must comply, PSE partnered with Stillwater Energy to create the Clean Buildings Accelerator program. The Accelerator is a no-cost program that meets you where you're at with your buildings and energy usage, and then teaches you how to comply and go beyond.

HERE'S A CHANCE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PROGRAM FROM ONE OF OUR ACCELERATOR PARTICIPANTS.

Steilacoom Historical School District No. 1

Steilacoom Historical School District No. 1 serves more than 3,000 K-12 students in the south Sound. The district has four buildings greater than 50,000 square feet that must comply with the Clean Buildings Law. The following insights are from **Shae Emery, maintenance and facilities manager for Steilacoom School District.**

WHY DID YOU JOIN THE ACCELERATOR?

“We joined the Accelerator in June 2021 to learn about the law and strategies for energy use intensity (EUI) tracking. I've worked with PSE in the past and they've been extremely helpful with project planning and maximizing incentives.”

HOW HAS THE ACCELERATOR HELPED YOU?

“The Accelerator was extremely helpful in clearing up gray areas and answering my questions about the law's requirements. It made set-up and utility tracking in ENERGY STAR® Portfolio Manager® a breeze, and I appreciate how available PSE and Stillwater staff were any time I had a question. They helped me gather my thoughts in creating a working energy-management plan and helped me find good parameters for dialing in our operations-and-maintenance (O&M) program.”

WHAT LARGER CHANGES DID THE ACCELERATOR HELP YOU MAKE?

“The Accelerator brought energy efficiency to the forefront of all our project planning. We’re currently completing a district-wide building controls and automation project, dialing in efficiency with options like optimal start and occupancy and carbon-dioxide sensors. We’re also implementing a district-wide LED retrofitting plan with incentive support from PSE’s Business Lighting Incentive Program.”



Steilacoom School District replaced failed water heaters with a high-efficiency, on-demand sequenced water-heating system that ties into the building’s automation system.

ANY ADVICE FOR OTHER BUSINESSES THAT HAVE TO COMPLY WITH THE LAW?

“I would recommend the Accelerator to all, whether you’re just starting to understand the Clean Buildings Law or even as a refresher to make sure all of your ducks are in a row. It was a solid, accurate resource that saved me time and stress in creating the necessary plans and programs for compliance.”



Facilities Manager Shae Emery is constantly dialing in the new building automation system with the district’s standardized set points, which he revised according to Clean Buildings Law requirements with education and support from the Accelerator.

Ready to begin?

Whether you’re ready to enroll in the Accelerator or you’re looking for more information, use the QR code to get started. You can also email cleanbuildings@stillwaterenergy.com.

