Sustainable Schools 2020-21: Turning learning into student action

High school students in the Youth for the Environment & People (YEP!) program, creating a space for youth voices, leadership and advocacy on issues students care about. Students developed their own action project as a team each year.

30 Students in YEP!

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1,425 Students benefited from free prof. development. 975 now have teachers trained to teach climate science.

We gave educators opportunities to learn, collaborate and engage students with real world concerns and real-world solutions. Washington is the first state to fund empowering teachers to teach climate science with a program called ClimeTime, and we helped bring the workshops to 39 Whatcom educators.

Introducing the Green Team Network

We developed a framework for Whatcom school communities to start their own Green Teams — which comprise students, teachers, school staff and community members — giving them tools to take steps towards making their school campus more sustainable, and educating leaders as to why it’s important. Schools are gearing up to form Green Teams in the 2021-22 year.

600 5th graders reduced water pollution

RE Sources educators helped 5th grade Bellingham School District students take action and apply their learning after attending the City of Bellingham’s Water School focused on watersheds and the water treatment process.

3,723 Visits to our 25 online waste lessons & DIY projects

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