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Fort Bend Independent School District

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TXU Energy presents Fort Bend ISD with \$161,575 Energy Efficiency Rebate

TXU Energy helping Fort Bend ISD drive down the District's energy costs

FORT BEND ISD – From an economic standpoint, TXU Energy is helping Fort Bend ISD to drive down the second highest expense for the district in two ways – by securing a lower rate and by incentivizing the District to use less power. Beginning in June 2011, Fort Bend ISD will lower its district-wide electricity rate to around \$.055, which is one of the lowest rates of all school districts in the greater Houston area during this time period. TXU Energy pays customers to try to use less power.

In the contract between TXU and Fort Bend ISD, TXU made \$161,575 available in the form of Energy Efficiency Rebate dollars to help subsidize the cost for the District to become more energy efficient. Larry Kalbac, TXU Energy Senior Sales Executive, said, "I am pleased to present this ceremonial check for \$161,575 to Fort Bend ISD. Through aggressive energy saving measures put in place by Chief Auxiliary Services Officer Ben Copeland and his staff, in less than nine months, Fort Bend ISD has already received all of the Energy Efficiency Rebate funds. These energy efficiency initiatives will result in significant savings for the District for many years to come."

Also included in the agreement between TXU and Fort Bend ISD is the decision to bring the TXU Solar Academy program to Fort Bend ISD. The renowned program, developed by NEED, will educate thousands of students district-wide annually about renewable energy through fun, hands-on experiments. The program’s curriculum is closely aligned with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) concepts in the areas of science and math and is designed to open students’ eyes to new and evolving career paths. A “Solarbration” ribbon cutting event with participating students will be held in May. The TXU Solar Academy is an enrichment program for science and math curriculum and made available at little or no cost to Fort Bend ISD.



Pictured are Larry Kalbac, TXU Energy Senior Sales Executive; Sonal Bhuchar, Board President; Dr. Timothy Jenney, Superintendent; and Ben Copeland, Chief Auxiliary Services Officer.

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