



Mike Anderson, facilities lead for Bellingham public schools

Commercial customers can save energy and money with PSE’s Strategic Energy Management program

As an energy manager, one of Mike Anderson’s core goals was to always be diligent with resources. Working as the facilities lead for Bellingham Public Schools for 20 years, his role was to make sure more than two dozen buildings were maintained at the right temperature set points, adhering to the school break schedules, all while continuously investigating repeated hot-cold calls while managing a large team of facilities personnel.

While Mike was acutely aware that placing a solar panel on the roof of a school makes it greener, he believes that decreasing energy waste should be the first line of action in reducing one’s carbon footprint. With this mantra, Bellingham School District was one of the first customers that jumped at the opportunity to join PSE’s [Commercial Strategic Energy Management](#) (CSEM) program.

Over the years, Mike and his dedicated facilities team have made many advances to improve student and staff comfort, while keeping a sharp eye on their energy expenditure. These actions have paid off in electric savings totaling more than \$400,000, earning more than \$150,000 in incentives over the years. The money they saved went towards funding all-day kindergarten schools.

According to Mike, his experience working with PSE was exceptional; he and school district leaders were surprised to go well beyond their targeted savings.

“ While there were foreseen challenges between the two different agencies, getting a footing around an energy efficiency plan eventually brought about great success. Ultimately, working with PSE was extremely helpful in getting the school district additional energy savings.

– Mike Anderson

After spending his career serving schools, Mike retired in March 2021 and is enjoying some much deserved time with his family at home, while hoping to plan some international travel down the road.

The [CSEM program](#) can help you reduce your energy consumption, pay out incentives, provide training, help you access your consumption data and could help support you with HB1257 compliance.

If you’re interested in learning more about how our CSEM (Commercial Strategic Energy) program can help your business become energy efficient and save money, visit pse.com/csem or contact us at csem@pse.com to get started.