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### **Western New York Teachers Invited to Form Energy Detectives**

(November 11, 2009) Williamsville, N.Y.: As part of its Conservation Incentive Program, National Fuel has joined with the Buffalo Sabres' Green Team and the National Energy Education Development Project (NEED) to offer a free and exciting program for teachers at the fifth through 12th-grade level to help their students to become Energy Detectives.

The NEED program includes teacher-tested, hands-on classroom kits that teach students about energy efficiency, conservation and energy sources. Participating teachers will be provided with Home Energy Efficiency Kits to send home with students to share with their families. Together, the students and their families install energy efficiency and conservation measures, including: shower flow bags, outlet gasket insulators, faucet aerators, water-saving showerheads, and other tools. Materials provide structure for students to work with their families to save energy and integrate their efforts with a classroom activity.

Students are also encouraged to participate in this year's Energy Detectives classroom contest. As part of this contest, schools are asked to develop classroom projects that promote energy efficiency in their schools and communities. Participating classrooms are asked to follow the format found in NEED's '*Energy Projects and Activities Guide*' which will be provided to interested schools and available for download at the NEED Web site, [www.NEED.org](http://www.NEED.org).

The winning classroom of Energy Detectives will receive a limited number of sponsorships for their classroom to attend the NEED National Recognition Ceremony in June 2010 in Washington, D.C. Plus, the winning project will be entered in NEED's national contest with a chance to win nationwide honors. The winning classroom will also win lunch and a special visit with Buffalo Sabre, Paul Gaustad. To further support the classroom activity, the Buffalo Sabres will be offering 10 participating classes a visit with Sabretooth where students can share what they have learned.

It's easy for teachers to get involved in this program. The first step is to attend one of our teacher-training workshops. There is no cost to attend the workshop and substitute costs will be reimbursed to school districts.

#### Energy Detectives Teacher Training Workshop Schedule:

CITY	DATE	LOCATION
Lewiston	Nov. 18	The Niagara Power Project's Power Vista
West Seneca	Nov. 19	West Seneca School District Offices
Buffalo	Nov. 21	Buffalo Teacher Resource Center
Olean	Dec. 1	St. Bonaventure University (Francis Hall)

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To be eligible, a school must be in National Fuel's Western New York service territory. For information or to register contact the NEED Project's NYS Office 1-866-720-2123 or [nyworkshops@need.org](mailto:nyworkshops@need.org).

For more information on National Fuel's Conservation Incentive Program, which includes rebates on the purchase of high efficiency natural gas equipment, and a Savings Card program that features discounts on low-cost and effective energy-conservation materials, visit [www.NationalFuelForThought.com](http://www.NationalFuelForThought.com).

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