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LAGUNA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL RECEIVES SCIENCE GRANT

The energy and electricity units of Jennifer Merritt's science classes are about to become enhanced thanks to a ten thousand dollar grant awarded to our Laguna Beach High School from British Petroleum ARCO.

Ms. Merritt, a Physics and Physical Science instructor for both junior and senior students, will implement the grant's resources in the second semester by updating her electricity unit with modern equipment and adding renewable energy sources to the current energy unit. The additional funding, which will help students develop a working knowledge of hydro, solar, and wind power, will be used in labs, demonstrations, and equipment.

One of Ms. Merritt's teaching goals is to connect theoretical study to practical application by assisting her students in learning how they can utilize their classroom knowledge in everyday life situations.

She adds, "By helping students learn about the rate of energy consumption now, they will be in a much better position to do something positive about energy consumption in the future."

Dr. Steven Keller, Assistant Superintendent recognizes Ms. Merritt's outstanding commitment to her students, "Ms. Merritt is to be commended for aggressively seeking this grant funding. This was a competitive process and Ms. Merritt's work, outside the regular work day, will improve the educational program in the classroom."