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**The Keystone Center's Youth Policy Summit to Address the Future of Energy in Ohio;  
CSI: Climate Status Investigations Teacher Professional Development Offered for Local Educators**

**Columbus, Ohio** –The Keystone Center for Education, in partnership with the American Electric Power Foundation, will host two innovative education programs October 25-29: a Youth Policy Summit on The Future of Energy in Ohio, attended by students from The Metro Early College Learning High School, and CSI: Climate Status Investigations, a professional development training for teachers.

On October 28-29, 30 middle and high school educators from across Ohio will attend a training designed to introduce global climate change in the classroom. Teachers will receive training and tools for hands-on, inquiry-based lessons that explore the topic of global climate change. By providing a non-advocacy, non-biased scientific framework to teachers to examine the issues around global climate change, the curriculum is intended to improve the decision-making abilities of students.

The Keystone Center's Youth Policy Summit challenges high school students to address the critical issue of energy resources in the state. From October 25 to 29, 61 students from The Metro School freshman class will assemble at their school for a week of critical thinking and discussion about energy issues. Having spent the beginning of the school year conducting research in the classroom, these students will now assume the roles of real-life stakeholders as they work together to craft policy solutions for sustainably meeting the current and future energy needs of the region. On October 27, students will meet at The Metro School with a panel of experts comprised of energy sector leaders from industry, government, and non-profit organizations before negotiating consensus-based recommendations, which will be shared with the State Board of Education, Members of Congress, and state legislatures as well as business and NGO leaders. Panelists for the 2010 event include:

- **American Electric Power**
- **American Electric Power Ohio**
- **American Coalition for Clean Coal Electricity**
- **Ohio Public Utilities Commission**
- **City of Columbus Mayor's Office**
- **The Ohio State University**
- **Dovetail Solar and Wind**
- **Ohio Department of Transportation**
- **Battelle Memorial Institute**
- **Ohio Manufacturers' Association**
- **Ohio Consumer's Council**
- **Ohio Environmental Protection Agency**
- **Engineering Mechanics Corporation of Columbus**

Media and the public are welcome to attend any of the Summit events held at The Metro School, located at 1929 Kenny Road in Columbus. For a schedule, contact Elizabeth Roush at 970-513-5824. Both programs are sponsored by the American Electric Power Foundation, [www.aep.com](http://www.aep.com).

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### **ABOUT THE METRO SCHOOL**

A unique partnership of the Educational Council and its 16 member school districts, Battelle, and The Ohio State University, Metro is a small public high school option open to students from across Franklin County, Ohio. Located on the Ohio State University campus, Metro offers students access to college credits prior to graduation and focuses on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education. Students complete high school credits at an accelerated pace and have opportunity to complete professional internships, capstone research projects and college coursework in the junior and senior years.

### **ABOUT THE KEYSTONE CENTER**

Headquartered in Keystone, Colorado, The Keystone Center prepares leaders of today and tomorrow with the intellectual and social skills they will need to resolve society's most challenging energy, health, environmental and resource problems. The Center's education programs find success through the application of scientific methods, the reconciliation of difference through negotiation, and the development of critical thinking and collaborative problem solving.

### **ABOUT THE AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER FOUNDATION**

The American Electric Power Foundation is funded by American Electric Power (NYSE: AEP) and its utility operating units. The Foundation provides a permanent, ongoing resource for charitable initiatives involving higher dollar values and multi-year commitments in the communities served by AEP and initiatives outside of AEP's 11-state service area. The Foundation's areas of focus include special emphasis on improving lives through education from early childhood through higher education, protecting the environment, providing basic human services in the areas of hunger, housing, health and safety, and enriching life through art, music and cultural heritage. The Foundation is based in Columbus, Ohio.

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