



Bishop O'Dowd High School | Oakland, CA Credit: David Wakely Photography

# Getting to Zero in Schools Workshop

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# Welcome!

# New Buildings Institute

Driving energy and carbon emissions reductions in the built environment.

Program areas include:

1. Advanced buildings
2. Getting to zero leadership
3. Code and policy innovation



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# Learning Objectives

- Participants will understand the process associated with designing and constructing a school to zero energy.
- Participants will be able to utilize lessons learned and approaches uncovered through studies and experience by schools on the path to zero through access to zero energy school experts.
- Participants will be given the opportunity to collaborate with other school districts as they brainstorm how to implement and support zero energy school projects in their own communities.
- Participants will be able to apply planning and technical tools needed to achieve successful zero energy project planning, financing, design, construction, and operations.



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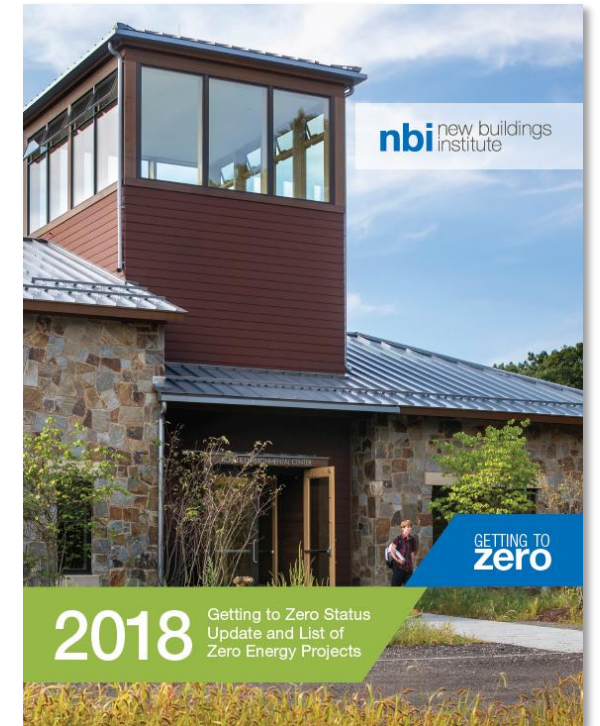
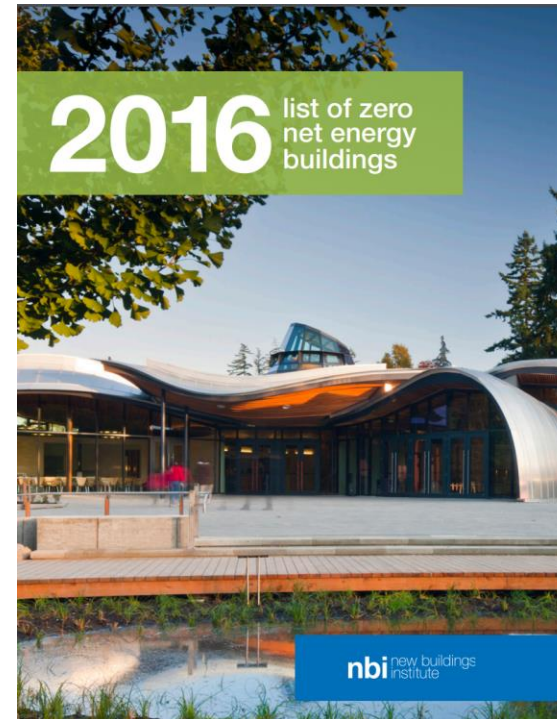
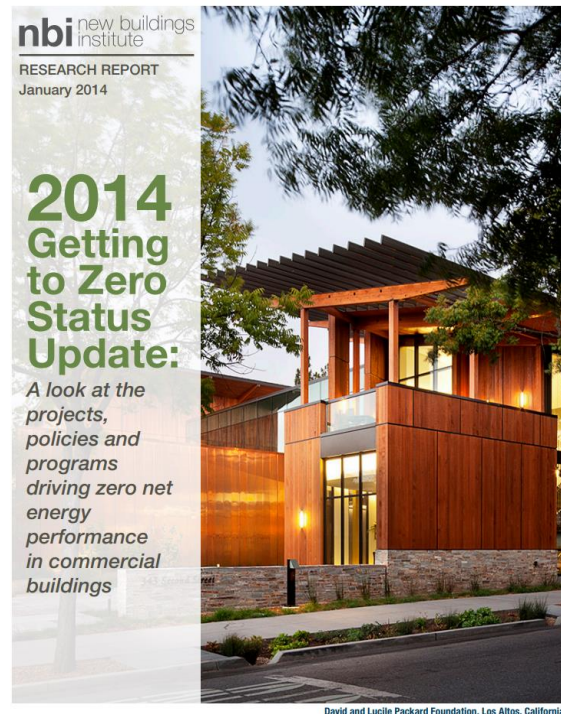
# Status of Getting to Zero in Schools

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2014

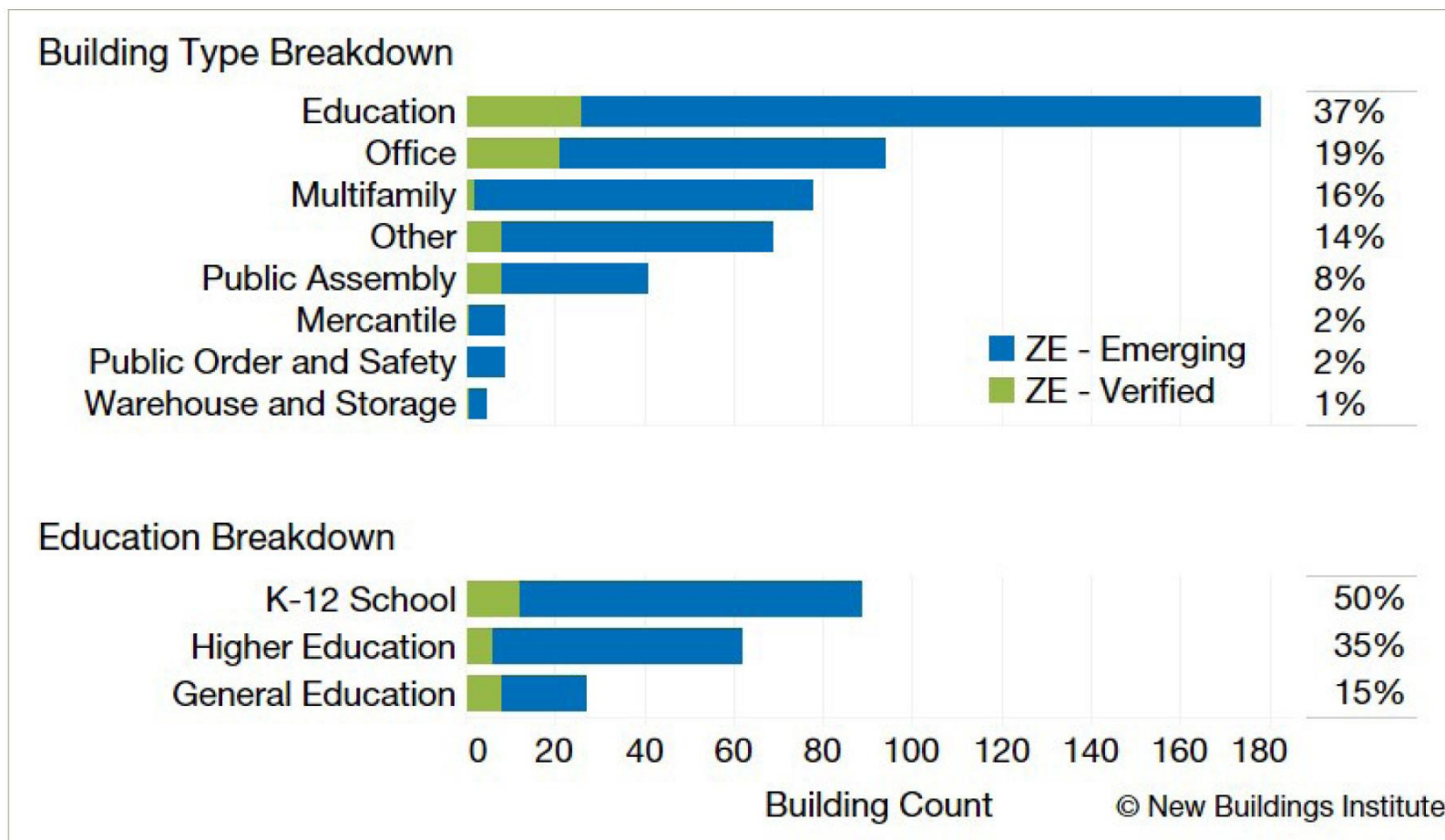
2016

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# Schools are Leading!

Building Type Breakdown



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## 2019 Zero Energy Schools Watchlist

for K-12 Schools, Colleges, and Educational Projects

The 2019 Zero Energy Schools Watchlist tracks education buildings, including K-12 schools, higher education, and general education facilities. The Watchlist documents the status of zero energy and ultra-low energy school projects across North America and raises public awareness of districts that are getting to zero. The 219 innovative projects listed here are aiming to consume only as much energy as they can produce over the course of the year, helping move the needle toward zero energy and zero carbon building performance.

High performance and zero energy schools shape the educational landscape dramatically for the better. For example, students in classrooms with natural light showed a 20-25% improvement on test scores compared to artificially lit environments<sup>1</sup>. With students spending approximately 1,000 hours per year in a school<sup>2</sup>, transforming classrooms into healthy and productive spaces is of the utmost importance, especially when short-term and long-term health of students and staff is at risk.

Student engagement in zero energy schools creates hands-on opportunities for teaching Next Generation Science Standards and Common Core. These zero energy facilities can be used as a tool to develop important skills like teamwork, research, time management, and the use of technology.

Zero energy schools have been built for little to no additional cost and demonstrate lower operating costs over time. The money saved on energy bills can be put back into the school. Patterns and trends uncovered in the approaches used by these districts and teams can be shared with others, whether they are aiming for ultra-low or zero energy performance.

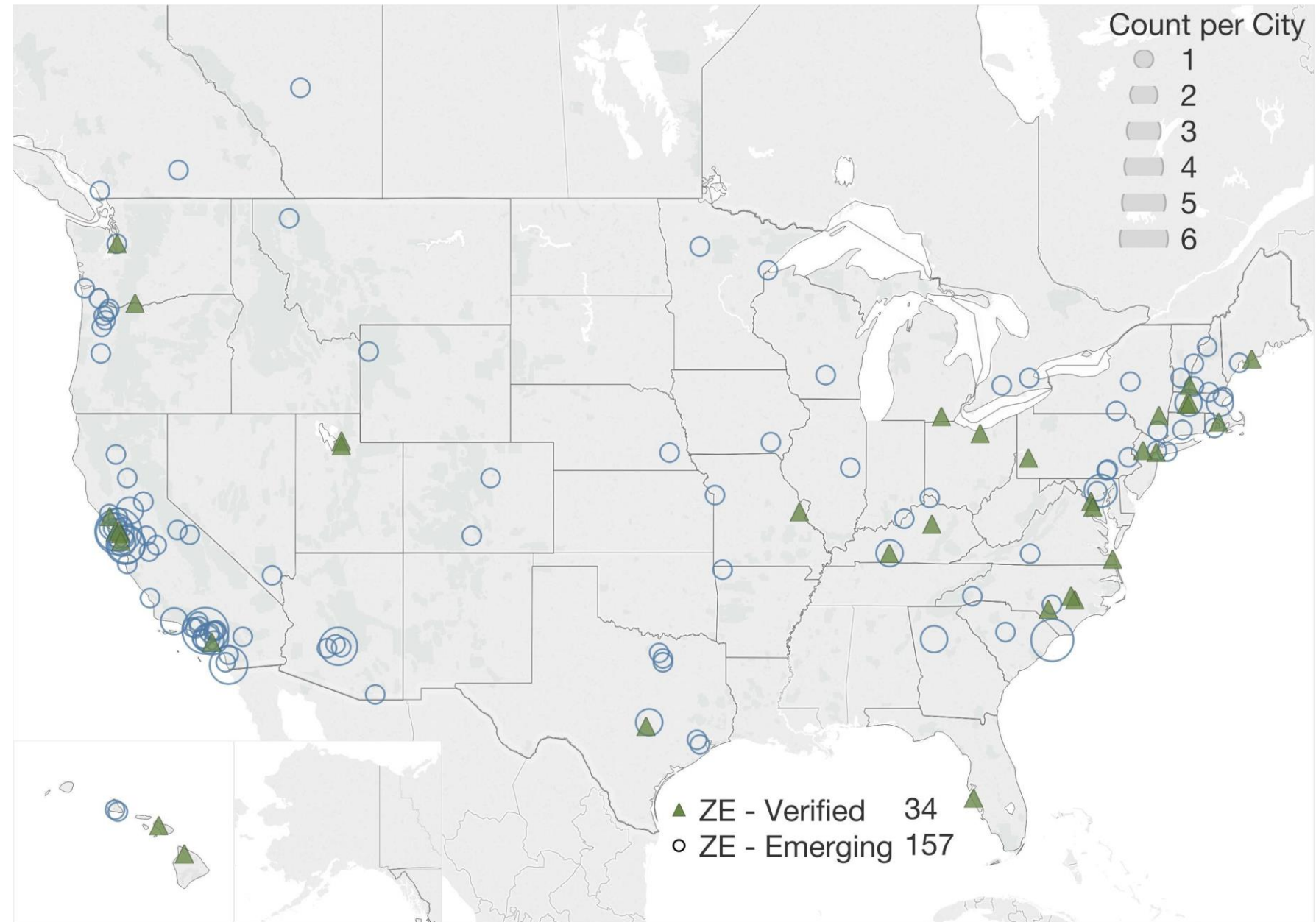
*A zero energy building produces as much energy through clean, renewable resources as it consumes over the course of a year.*

1. Healthy School Group (2008). Designing a School: An Investigation into the Relationship Between Designing and Human Performance. <http://www.healthydesignbook.org/>  
2. Center for Public Education (2010). Time in School: How does the U.S. compare? <http://www.centerforpubliceducation.org/files/Measuring%20Time%20in%20School%20for%20Class%20Comparison.pdf>

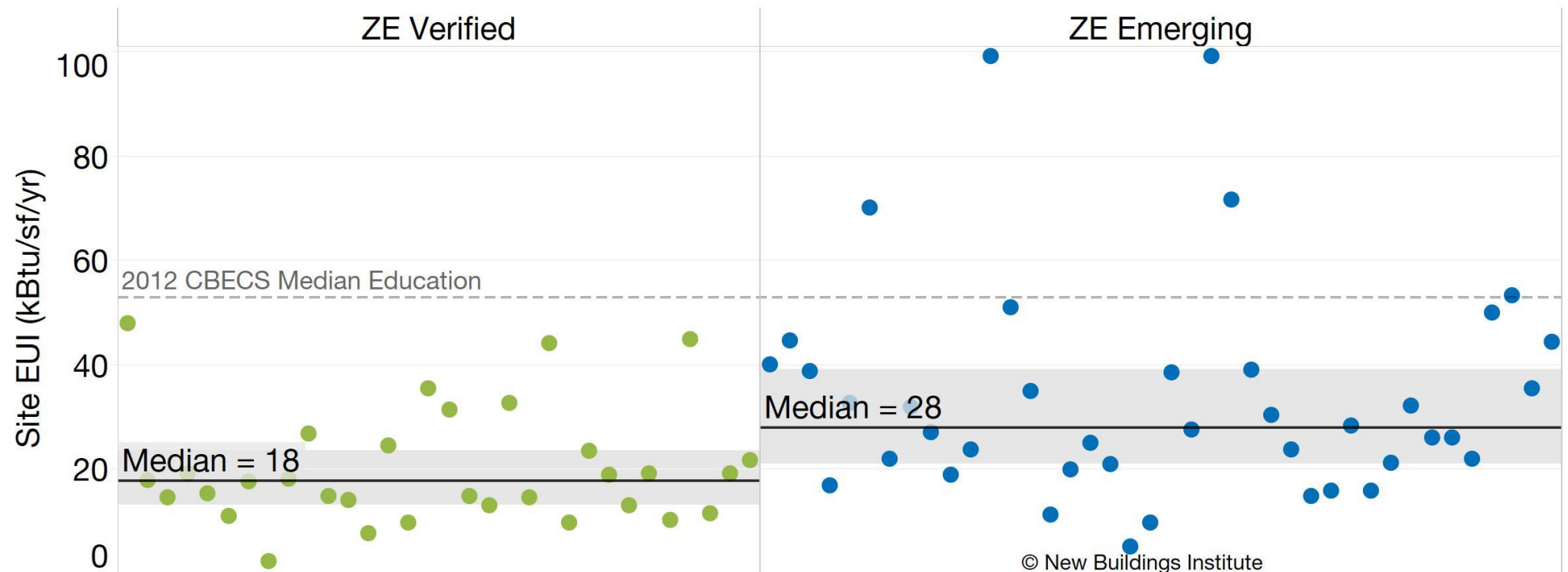
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# Location of Zero Net Energy Schools

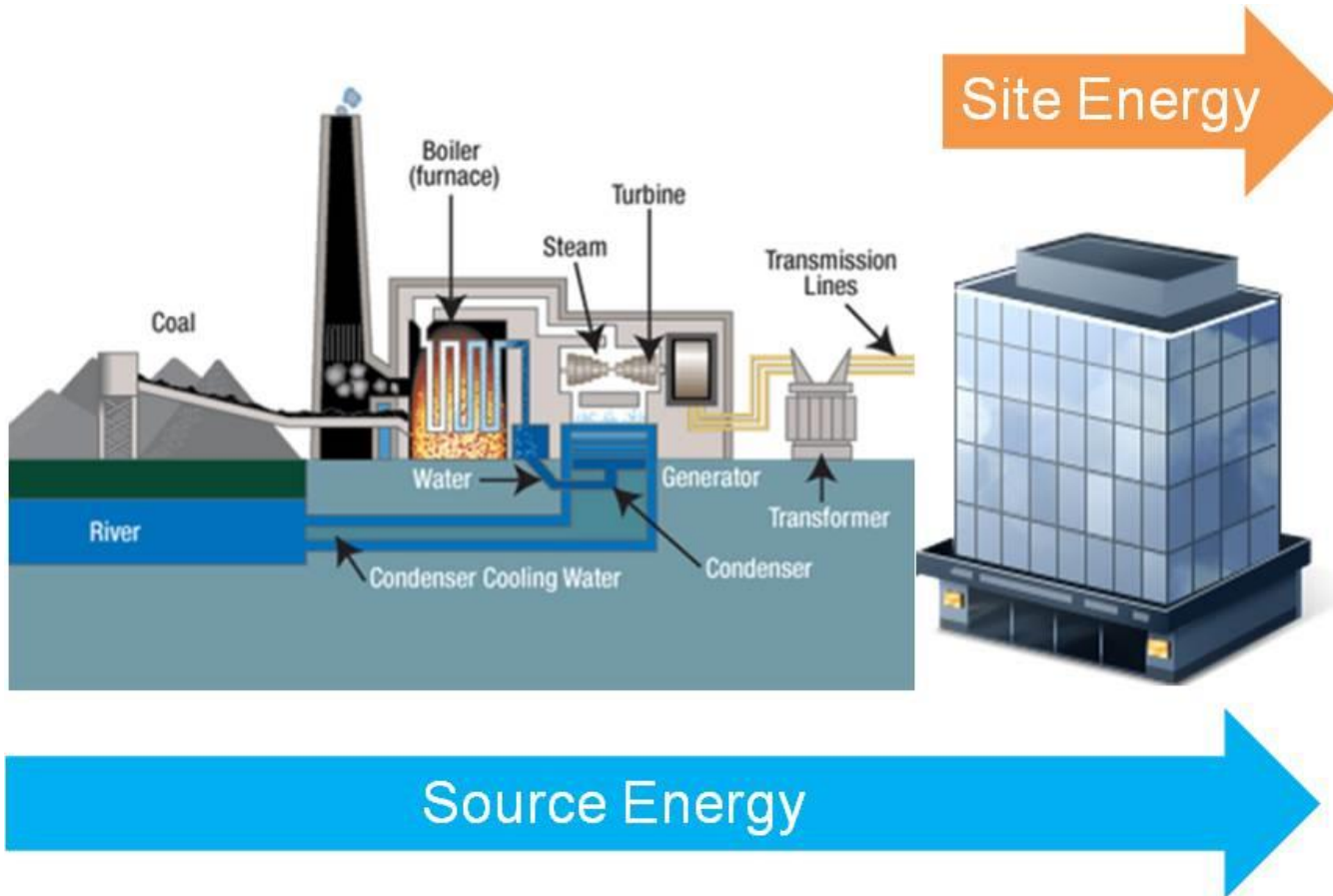


# Energy Performance of Emerging and Verified ZNE Schools





# Definitions Matter

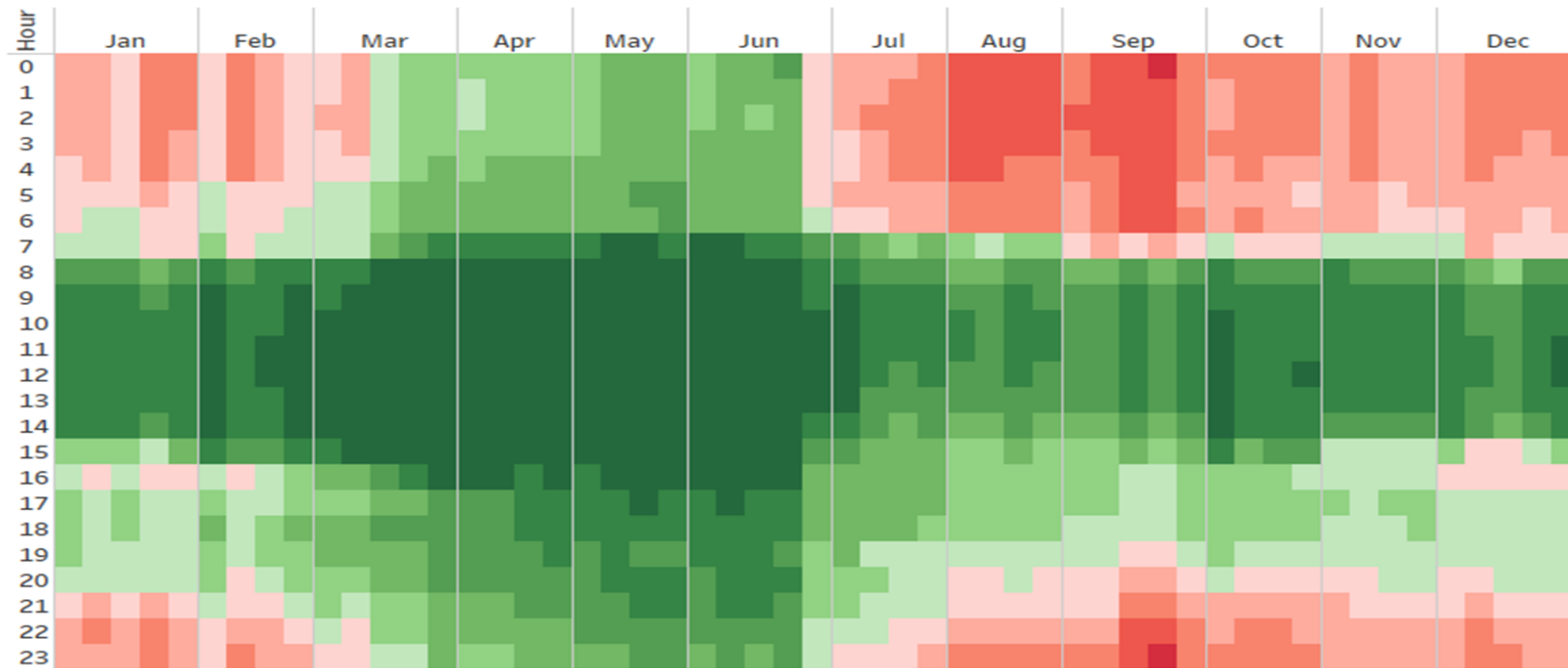


148 kBtu/ft<sup>2</sup>/year **Source**

67 kBtu/ft<sup>2</sup>/year **Site**

- Zero Net Energy
- Zero Net Energy Site
- Zero Net Energy Source
- Time Dependent Valuation
- Zero Net Carbon

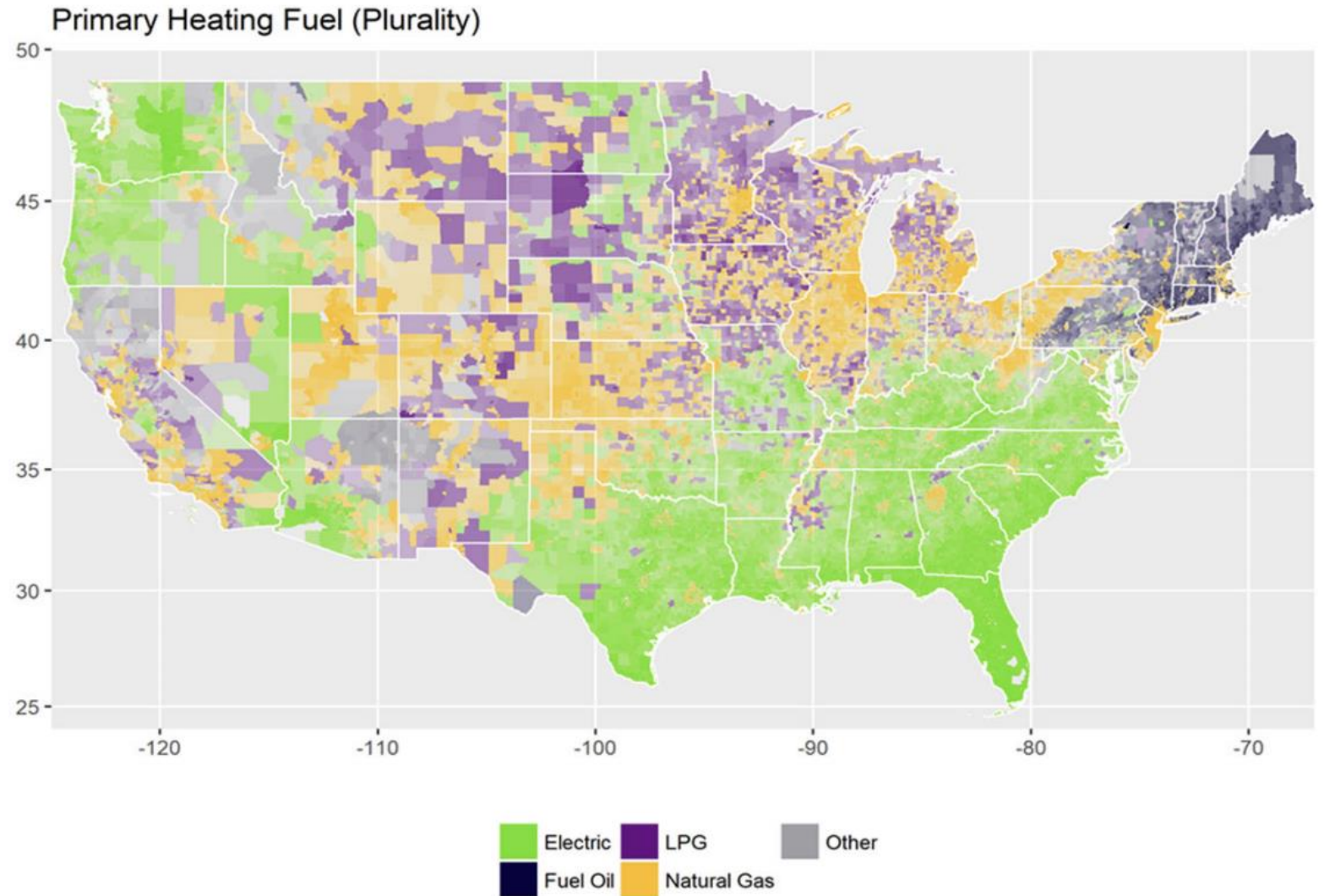
# Energy and Carbon Are Not the Same



The carbon intensity of energy use depends on the local grid conditions, the time of the year and the time of the day.

# Fuel Choice Greatly Impacts Carbon Emissions

Natural gas provides most space heating in the U.S., but regional differences exist, and climate differences are significant.



Graphic from Energy + Environmental Economics Pathways to 2050

# Factors Influencing Decarbonization

1. Clean energy supply
2. Energy efficiency
3. Demand flexibility



California Lottery Santa Fe Springs | Santa Fe Springs, CA Credit: LPAS Architecture + Design



# Gas Use in Schools



Credit: Nik Kaestner, San Francisco Unified School District



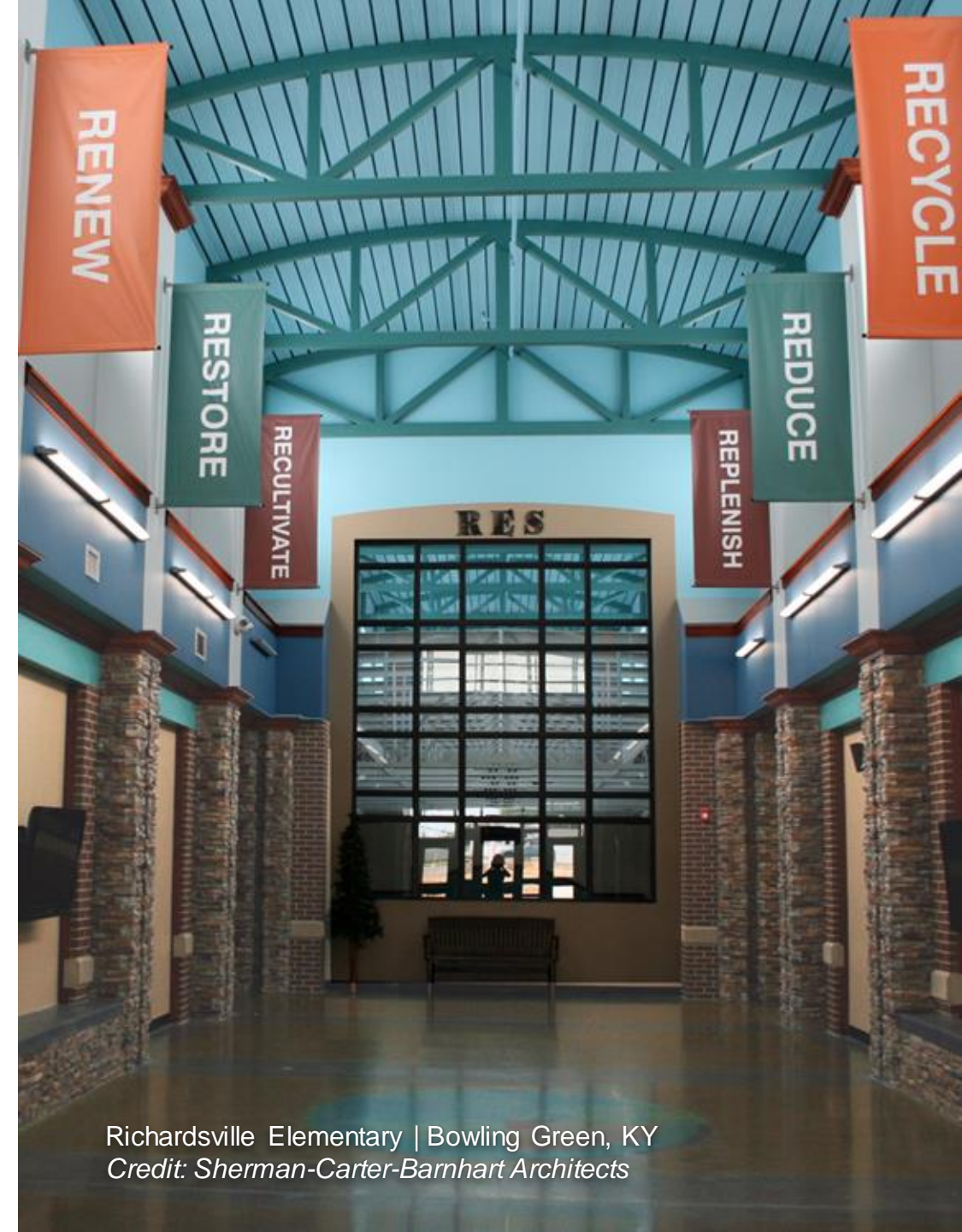
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# Getting to Zero Over Time

School districts can start now!

- Benchmark
- Set targets and policies
- Align with building lifecycle opportunities
- Load reduction
- System selection
- Renewables
- Electric bus/vehicles



Richardsville Elementary | Bowling Green, KY  
Credit: Sherman-Carter-Barnhart Architects

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# Getting to Zero in Schools: An Introduction to the Process

# The Process to Achieve Zero

- Get stakeholder support
- Make a commitment
- Set energy targets
- Integrate targets into policies and contracts
- Use integrated design to design and construct to target
- Optimize operations
- Measure, verify and report





# Gain Support Getting to Zero

- Identify stakeholders & key messages
- Share case studies & fact sheets
- Tour nearby schools or share video case studies with decision makers
  - Patriot Hall Video -  
<https://energytrust.org/pathtonetzero/>
  - Discovery ES Video -  
<https://www.zeroenergy.org/video-case-study/>



# High Performance Schools Fast Facts

Did you know that the classroom environment can affect a child's academic progress over a year by as much as

**25%<sup>1</sup>**



**65%**



Reduction in asthma cases among elementary students when school indoor environment quality improves.<sup>2</sup>

**3%**



Reduction in teacher turnover in green schools - saving US\$4 per square foot over a 20 year period.<sup>3</sup>

**20%**



Faster progression in math in schools with good daylighting.<sup>4</sup>

**26%**



Faster progression in reading in schools with good daylighting.<sup>4</sup>

**10%**

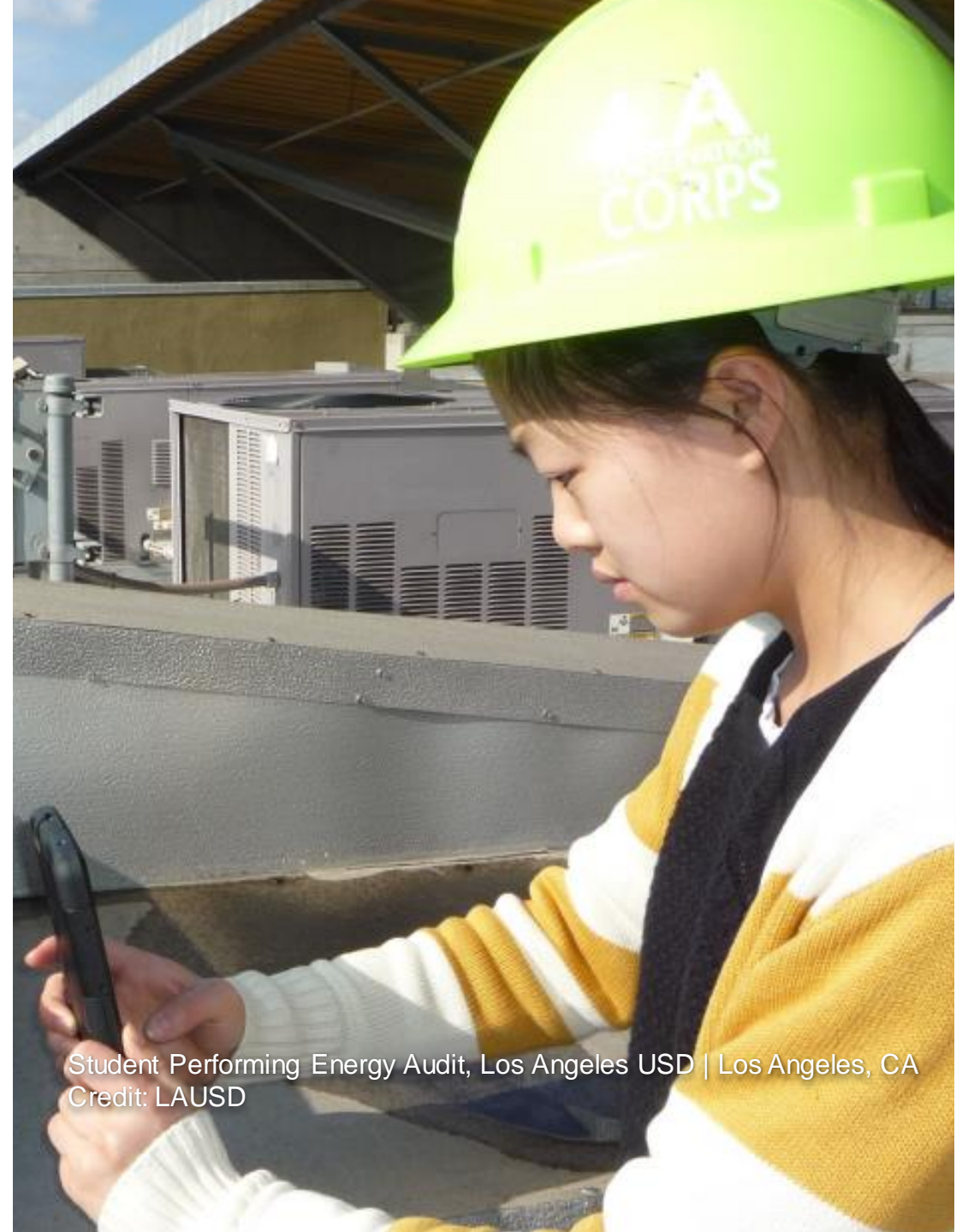


Increase in overall performance in schools with good daylighting.<sup>4</sup>



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School buildings  
as a tool to  
enhance student  
learning.



Student Performing Energy Audit, Los Angeles USD | Los Angeles, CA  
Credit: LAUSD

# The Winning Pitch for Efficiency

## Watt Does it Cost to Use It?

Directions: Using the key on the back of this sheet, your group members and a calculator; complete this energy usage table. Then in the rank column; rank each energy user from highest to lowest "energy hog".

Names: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

| Item                               | Wattage<br>(Watt<br>hours,<br>Wh) | Hours<br>used/day | Hours<br>used/month<br>(20 school<br>days/month) | Power needs<br>per month<br>(Wh) | Power<br>needs per<br>month<br>(kWh) | Cost per<br>month<br>(\$0.10 per<br>kWh) | Cost per<br>school year<br>(Based on 9<br>month<br>school yr) | Rank |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|--|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---|------|
| Fluorescent lights                 | 32 Wh                             | 10 hrs            | 200 hrs  | 6,400 Wh                         | 6.4 kWh                              | \$0.6                                    | \$6   |      |
| Gymnasium high<br>intensity lights | 300                               | 24 hrs**          | 744 hrs  |                                  |                                      |  |   |      |
| copy machine                       | 330                               | 24 hrs**          | 744 hrs  |                                  |                                      |  |   |      |
| printer                            | 50                                | 2 hrs             | 40 hrs   | 2,000                            | 2.0                                  | \$0.2                                    | \$2   |      |
| computers                          | 200                               | 6 hrs             | 120 hrs  |                                  |                                      |  |   |      |
| refrigerator                       | 350                               | 6 hrs **          | 186 hrs  | 65,100                           | 65.1                                 | \$6.5                                    | \$59  |      |
| vending machine                    | 400                               | 6 hrs**           | 186 hrs  |                                  |                                      |  |   |      |
| TV's                               | 200                               | 4 hrs             | 80 hrs   |                                  |                                      |  |   |      |
| smartboards                        | 175                               | 6 hrs             | 120 hrs  | 21,000                           | 21.0                                 | \$2.1                                    | \$19  |      |
| Microwave                          | 1000                              | 1 hr              | 20 hrs   | 20,000                           | 20.0                                 | \$2.0                                    | \$18  |      |

## Next Generation Science Standards

- **Analyzing and Interpreting Data:** Engineering Design and Human Impacts Energy
- **Influence of Science, Engineering, and Technology on Society and the Natural World:** Engineering Design
- **ESS3.C: Human Impacts on Earth Systems:** Human Impacts
- **Science Addresses Questions About the Natural and Material World:** Human Impacts
- **Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions:** Energy
- **Engaging in Argument from Evidence:** Energy
- **ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions:** Energy ... **and more!**

# Financing Approaches

- School Bond Funding
- Solar Production Incentives
- Energy Efficiency Incentive Programs
- Energy Efficiency and Solar Grant Program
- Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs)
- Energy Service Company contracts



Redding School for the Arts | Redding, CA  
Credit: TRILOGY Architecture



# Make a Commitment

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- Start Early!
- Benchmark
- Set goals
- Select a champion
- Regularly report progress toward goals
- Attend webinars and trainings



# Establish an Energy Target

- More than beyond “xx% better than code”
- Absolute energy “EUI” target
- EUI of 16-25 kBtu/sf-year
- Link to other sustainability programs and goals
  - CHPS
  - LEED

Posted originally, 1/11/2018

## ACHIEVING ZERO ENERGY

### Advanced Energy Design Guide for K-12 School Buildings



Developed by:  
ASHRAE  
The American Institute of Architects  
Illuminating Engineering Society  
U.S. Green Building Council  
U.S. Department of Energy



# Benchmarking

- Collect energy consumption
  - 2-3 years
- Benchmark use against
  - CBECS, other schools in district
- Useful tools include :
  - ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager
  - Online data tracking
  - School Dude & Others
  - Excel, google sheets

**ENERGY STATEMENT**  
www.pge.com/MyEnergy

1 Account No: 1023456789-0  
Statement Date: 09/12/2013  
Due Date: 10/03/2013

2 Service For:  
Residential Customer  
1234 Main Street  
Extra Address Line  
Anytown, CA 00000

3 Your Account Summary

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Amount Due on Previous Statement         | \$144.70 |
| Payment(s) Received Since Last Statement | -144.70  |
| Previous Unpaid Balance                  | \$0.00   |
| Current Electric Charges                 | \$96.91  |
| Current Gas Charges                      | 49.20    |

4 Questions about your bill?  
24 hours per day, 7 days per week  
Phone: 1-800-743-5000  
www.pge.com/MyEnergy

5 Total Amount Due by 10/03/2013 **\$146.11**

6 Current charges include a discount of \$50.17 for Winter Gas Savings.

7 Monthly Billing History

8 Important Messages

CARE Program You may qualify for a monthly discount with the California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) Program. To find out more and apply online, visit [www.pge.com/care](http://www.pge.com/care).

Usted podría reunir los requisitos de un descuento mensual con el California Alternate Rates for Energy Program (CA más información y hacer su solicitud en Internet, visite [www.pge.com/espanol/care](http://www.pge.com/espanol/care).

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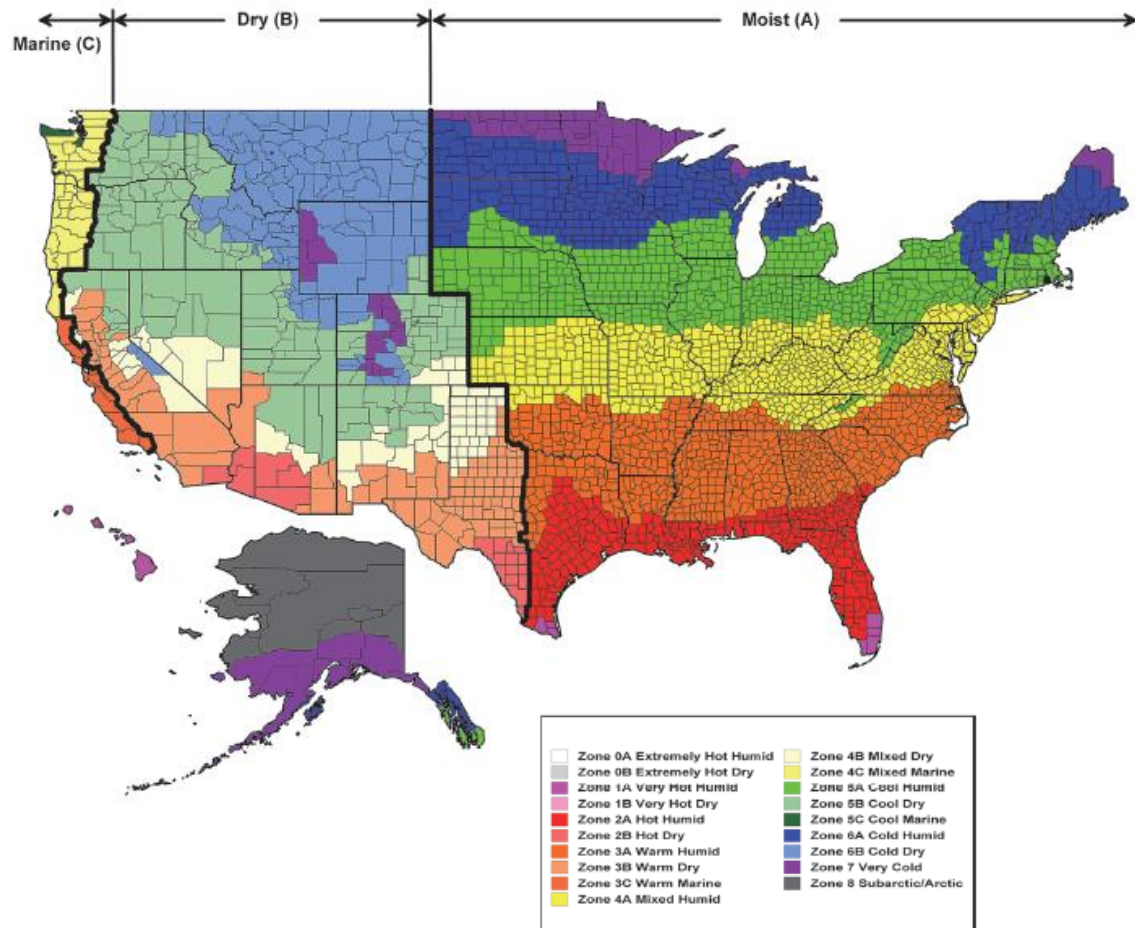
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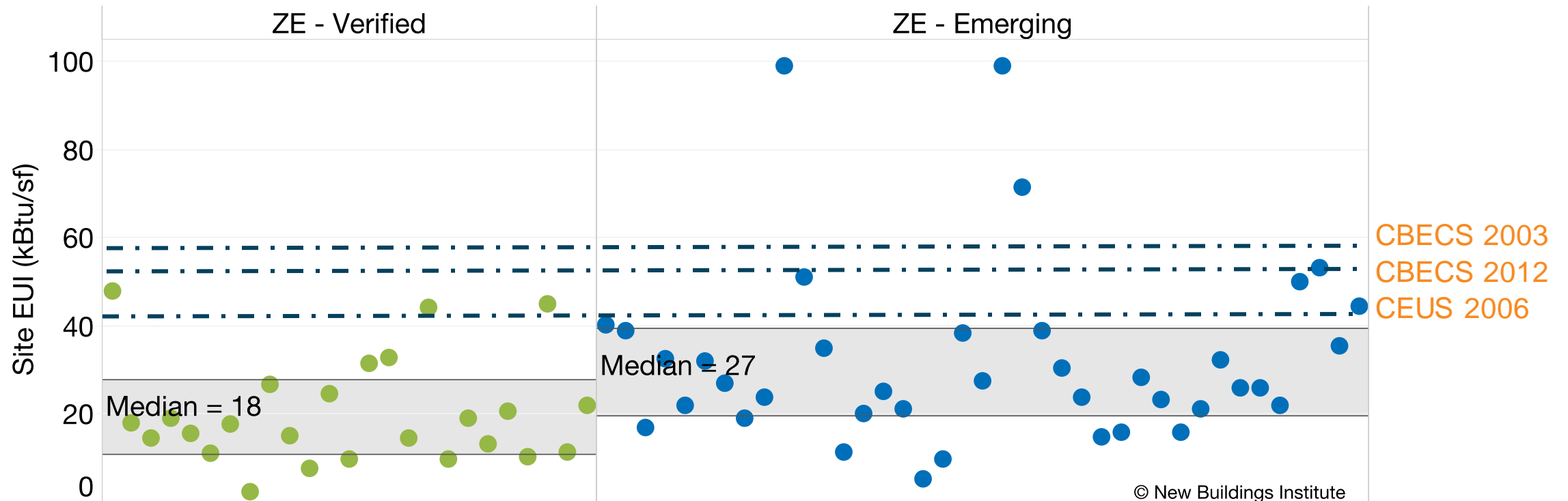


# Zero Energy Use Intensity (EUI) Targets for Schools



| Climate Zone | Site Energy                                  |  | Source Energy                                |  |
|--------------|--|--|--|--|
|              | Primary School EUI, kBtu/ft <sup>2</sup> ·yr | Secondary School EUI, kBtu/ft <sup>2</sup> ·yr | Primary School EUI, kBtu/ft <sup>2</sup> ·yr | Secondary School EUI, kBtu/ft <sup>2</sup> ·yr |
| 0A           | 22.5   | 22.9   | 69.1   | 70.5   |
| 0B           | 23.1   | 23.2   | 71.4   | 71.6   |
| 1A           | 21.3   | 21.1   | 65.5   | 65.0   |
| 1B           | 21.7   | 21.6   | 66.6   | 66.6   |
| 2A           | 20.9   | 21.3   | 63.8   | 65.1   |
| 2B           | 19.6   | 19.9   | 59.7   | 60.8   |
| 3A           | 18.8   | 19.1   | 56.7   | 57.7   |
| 3B           | 19.0   | 19.4   | 57.3   | 58.8   |
| 3C           | 17.5   | 17.6   | 52.6   | 52.8   |
| 4A           | 18.8   | 18.9   | 56.3   | 56.7   |
| 4B           | 18.4   | 18.5   | 55.1   | 55.5   |
| 4C           | 17.5   | 17.6   | 51.9   | 52.3   |
| 5A           | 19.2   | 19.1   | 57.1   | 56.9   |
| 5B           | 18.7   | 19.0   | 55.6   | 56.6   |
| 5C           | 17.4   | 17.6   | 49.7   | 52.3   |
| 6A           | 21.1   | 20.6   | 62.8   | 61.2   |
| 6B           | 19.5   | 19.5   | 57.9   | 57.9   |
| 7            | 22.3   | 21.5   | 66.2   | 63.7   |
| 8            | 25.2   | 23.8   | 71.1   | 70.7   |

# EUI Range of Performance in Schools



# Using Energy Targets in Policies and Practices

## SFUSD PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

### ZERO NET ENERGY



All buildings will use less than  
20 kBTU/sf/yr by 2040

### STRATEGY

The District has many opportunities to improve the carbon footprint of its buildings:

**BOND PROJECTS:** voter-approved funding for new construction & major renovations provides the best opportunity for deep energy retrofits

**MONITORING:** post-occupancy commissioning and energy monitoring can identify opportunities to adjust operation to meet design intent

**OPERATIONS & SHARED SAVINGS:** preventative maintenance, energy and water monitoring, and engagement of users prevent rising energy and water usage as buildings age

**FACILITIES PROJECTS:** major repairs and deferred maintenance projects provide an opportunity to improve energy and water efficiency



These SFUSD Owner's Project Requirements were created to assist design teams in supporting the District's ambitious zero carbon goals. The following pages describe the process for incorporating ZNE-ready design into new buildings, bond modernizations, and facilities projects. In summary:

**New Buildings** will be designed to achieve an Energy Use Intensity (EUI) < 20 kBTU/sf/yr. SFUSD's preferred strategies for achieving such exemplary energy efficiency are outlined in the ZNE Guidelines at the end of this document. While the addition of renewable energy is generally outside the scope of new projects, solar readiness should be built into the building.

**Bond Modernizations** will focus on improvements to the lighting systems and building envelope as outlined in ZNE Assessments commissioned by the District for every project prior to the design phase. These assessments will also look for opportunities to improve heating and ventilation systems, but these items will generally be tackled in future bonds unless broken equipment necessitates earlier action.

**Facilities Projects** generally have limited scope and will support ZNE goals by upgrading building elements as they wear out. In each case, the ZNE Guidelines below and District Design Standards + Guidelines (DDSG) will inform the design and selection of materials and/or equipment for these projects.

### PROCESS

#### New Buildings

Ensuring that the District's energy targets are faithfully met in new construction projects requires a rigorous design process, stellar construction techniques, and attention to quality control. To ensure the best possible outcome on each and every project, SFUSD requires architects to incorporate the following elements into the process of creating new buildings:

**CHARRETTE:** All projects will commence with an architect-led design charrette specifically focused on identifying the strategies and systems necessary for meeting the EUI performance goal. At a minimum, the Project Manager, Sustainability Office, Buildings & Grounds, Design Team, Commissioning Agent, and Electrical/Mechanical/Civil consultants will attend.

**ENERGY MODELING:** Building form, massing, orientation, and roof layout (among other design parameters) have a significant impact on energy usage and solar energy production. Therefore, design decisions shall be evaluated against a constantly refined energy model from the earliest stages of a project. In this way, project architects will have many opportunities for course correction should site conditions or non-energy parameters make achievement of ZNE goals difficult.

**COMMISSIONING:** Commissioning agents hired by the District will be brought into the design process early on and follow each project through design, construction, and post-occupancy to ensure that design intent is achieved as outlined in this document and reflected in the Basis of Design (BOD). The Commissioning Plan will include design reviews, construction inspections, functional testing, development of a maintenance manual, and systems training (see Commissioning Procedures in the 2016 Bond Program Procedures + Standards Binder).

#### First ZNE Projects

SFUSD is in the process of designing its first new ZNE building at Claire Lillenthal School on Divisadero St. The building will house the middle school program of this K-8 school and replaced eight existing bungalows. The second ZNE project is a PG&E-supported modernization of Garfield Elementary on Telegraph Hill. The utility is particularly interested in identifying design solutions in the constrained urban environment.





# Mention Zero Energy Goal and EUI Targets in Request for Proposals & Qualifications

D.C. DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
DCAM-18-AE-0125

ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SERVICES  
WEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

September 12, 2018

The A/E firm shall consider all DGS FM Building Standards, such as Sustainability/High Performance Best Practices, Building Automation Systems (BAS), Smart Roof Design Guide, and NREL Net Zero Guidelines. The Project shall be designed in such a way so as to achieve, at a minimum, LEED for Schools – Gold certification and must meet the requirements of the recently adopted International Green Construction Code and DOEE storm water management requirements. As part of the LEED certification, we will require the innovation LEED Pilot Credit – Integrative Process for Health Promotion (<https://www.usgbc.org/credits/new-construction-core-and-shell-schools-new-construction-retail-new-construction-healthc-106>), the Green Roof Credit Program addressed, and Energy Star Certification. In addition, the District is particularly interested in West Elementary becoming a Net Zero energy building and require the A/E firm to explore net zero strategies in the building's design. The A/E firm shall apply for and achieve Energy Star Certification and file the DOEE Green Roof grant application.

The A/E firm shall use BIM, or similar type software (recognized in the industry), to develop and coordinate the Design Documents.

- Define desired team
  - Engage team from design through operations
  - Energy modeler to inform the design
  - Building commissioner
  - Controls integration
- Incorporate energy targets into RFP/RFQ

# Selecting the Project Team

- During interviews ask about ZNE experience
- NBI has a list of questions to ask prospective teams
- Pre-bid and pre-construction conferences
- Clarify how renewables will be addressed



Hood River Middle School | Hood River, OR  
Credit: Michael Mathers

# Zero Energy Integrated Design Charrette

- Educate all the participants.
- Foster teamwork for an integrated design process.
- Diminish adversity
- Agree on energy target and other sustainability goals.
- Get goal “buy-in”
- Brainstorm potential technologies and strategies to achieve target.
- Identify synergies
- Document decisions



zero net energy

**Getting to Zero:**  
ZNE Integrated Design  
Charrette Toolkit





# Design to the Target

- Making it all work together: Building automation and controls integration
- Use the Owners Project Requirements (OPR's) to guide the ZNE process
- Plan for measurement and verification
- Beware of value engineering!
- Controls considered from design through operation
- Keep the operators and occupants in mind



Bishop O'Dowd High School | Oakland, CA  
*Credit: David Wakely Photography*

# Common Technologies to Zero

- Passive measures
- Envelope and air tightness
- Space conditioning, separate from ventilation
- Plug load management
- On-site renewable energy generation, electric vehicle/bus charging and storage

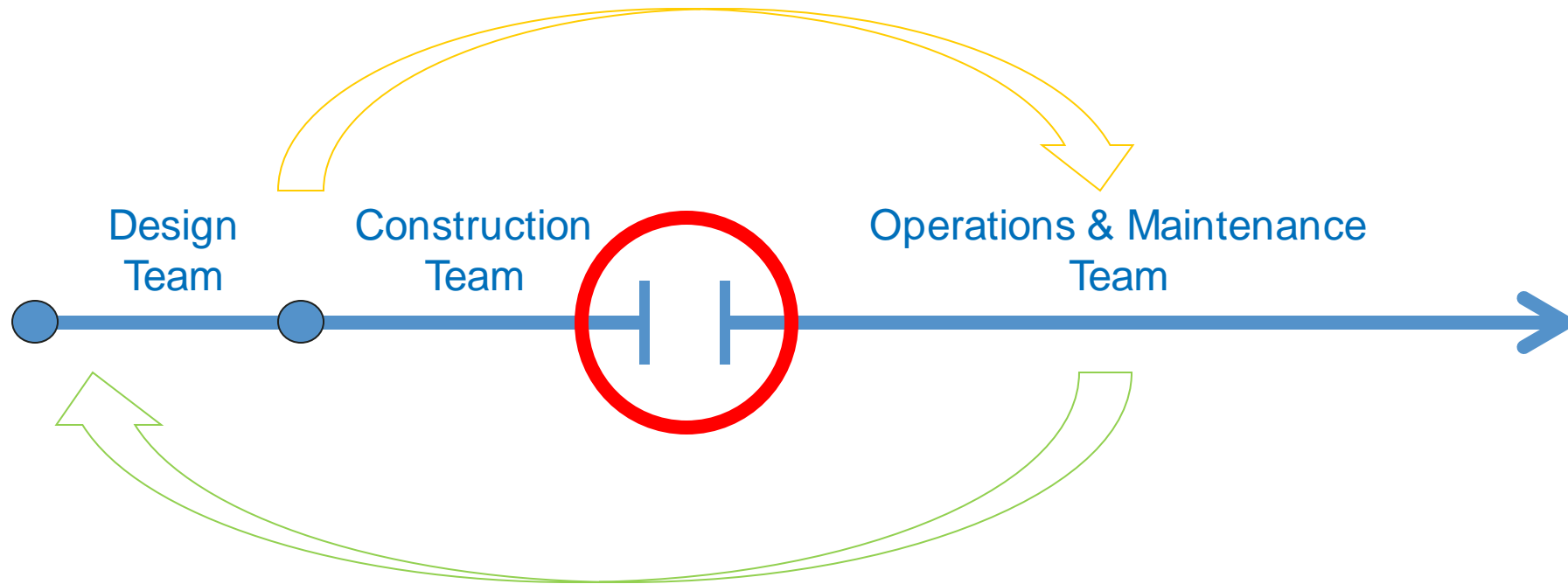


Turkey Foot Middle School | Turkey Foot, KY Credit: Kenton County School District



# Hand Off from Design to Operations is Critical!

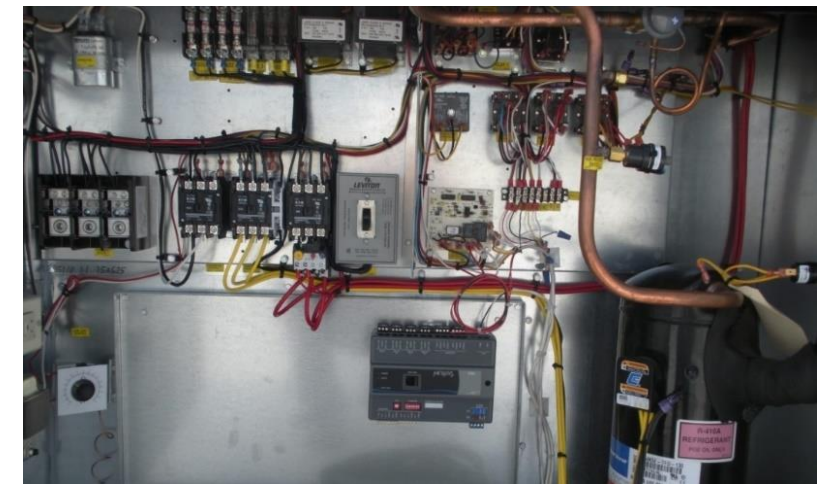
Integrating operations team into the design process





# Continue Design to Operations

- Develop O&M manual and program
- Train building operators and occupants
- Meter and monitor energy performance
- Coordinate with commissioning agent
- Building automation system review
- Compare to predictions
- Report on progress toward goals



# Engage Occupants and Operations

- Engage operations and occupants on design and O&M strategies
  - Share anticipated performance
  - Provide real time energy use feedback
  - Education program for teachers, staff and students
- Integrate zero into facilities job descriptions
- Provide visual display and feedback for users
- Form a green team (students & staff)



Discovery School | Arlington, VA Credit: VMDO

# Verify Performance



Discovery School | Arlington, VA Credit: VMDO



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# GETTING TO ZERO IN SCHOOLS WORKSHOP

9 OCTOBER 2019

## The Advanced Energy Design Guide: Path to Success

Sylvia Wallis AIA LEED BD+C CPHC







20-27 SEPTEMBER 2019

6.6 million people

Berlin Uganda Pakistan London San Francisco Melbourne Croatia  
Hamburg Los Angeles the Netherlands Capetown Afghanistan Ireland  
Stockholm the Arctic New Delhi Brazil the Solomon Islands New York  
Katmandu Montreal North Korea Peru Italy Australia Hungary Japan  
Singapore Chile Turkey Mexico Finland Austria Denmark New Zealand





“In a well-ordered society, when kids make a reasonable request their elders should say yes – in this case with real pride and hope that the next generations are standing up for what matters.”

Bill McKibben

9/18/19 *The Guardian*



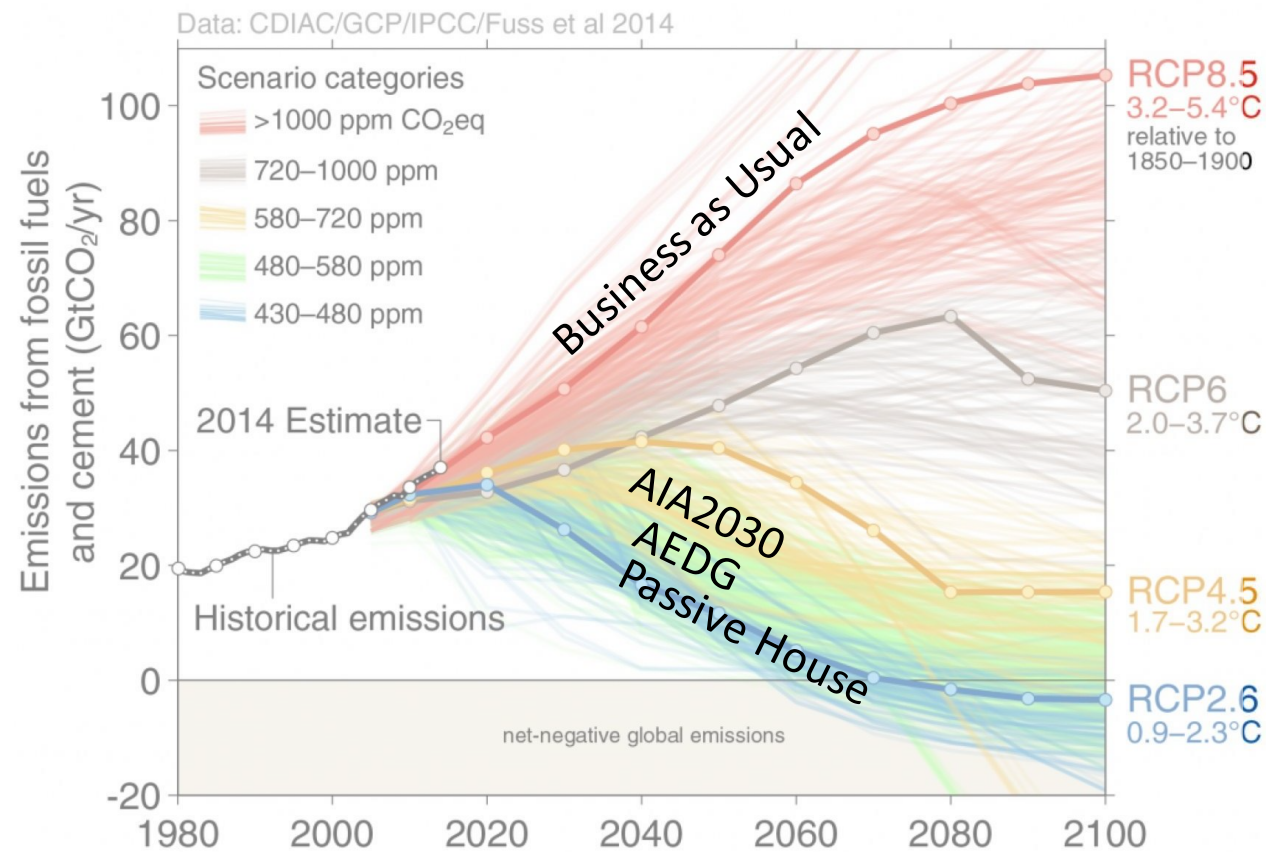
# “THE CLIMATE IS CHANGING; WHY AREN'T WE?”

UN IPCC Report  
October 2018

Urgent and  
unprecedented  
changes  
needed within  
next 12 years

to limit temperature change  
to a maximum of 1.5 °C  
and avoid catastrophic  
environmental breakdown





The IPCC's fifth assessment outlines for future warming scenarios — RCP2.6, RCP4.5, RCP6, and RCP8.5 — for carbon dioxide emissions from fossil fuels and cement. The black line marks our former choices. The red line — RCP8.5 — represents what will happen if habits don't change. Photo by the [Global Carbon Project](#)

“How dare you pretend that [climate change] can be solved with just 'business as usual' and some technical solutions? With today's emissions levels, [the earth's] remaining CO2 budget will be entirely gone within less than 8 1/2 years.”

Greta Thunberg

*Address to U.N.'s Climate Action Summit,  
9/23/2019, New York City*



Swiss Mourn the Passing of Pizol Glacier

What lever can we pull, to act quickly and globally?...

Bill McKibben

9/17/19 *The New Yorker*



# Using Schools to Shift our Mind-Set and Break Dependence on Fossil Fuels



The Willow School, MacClay Architects



Sbrega Heath & Science Building, Sasaki



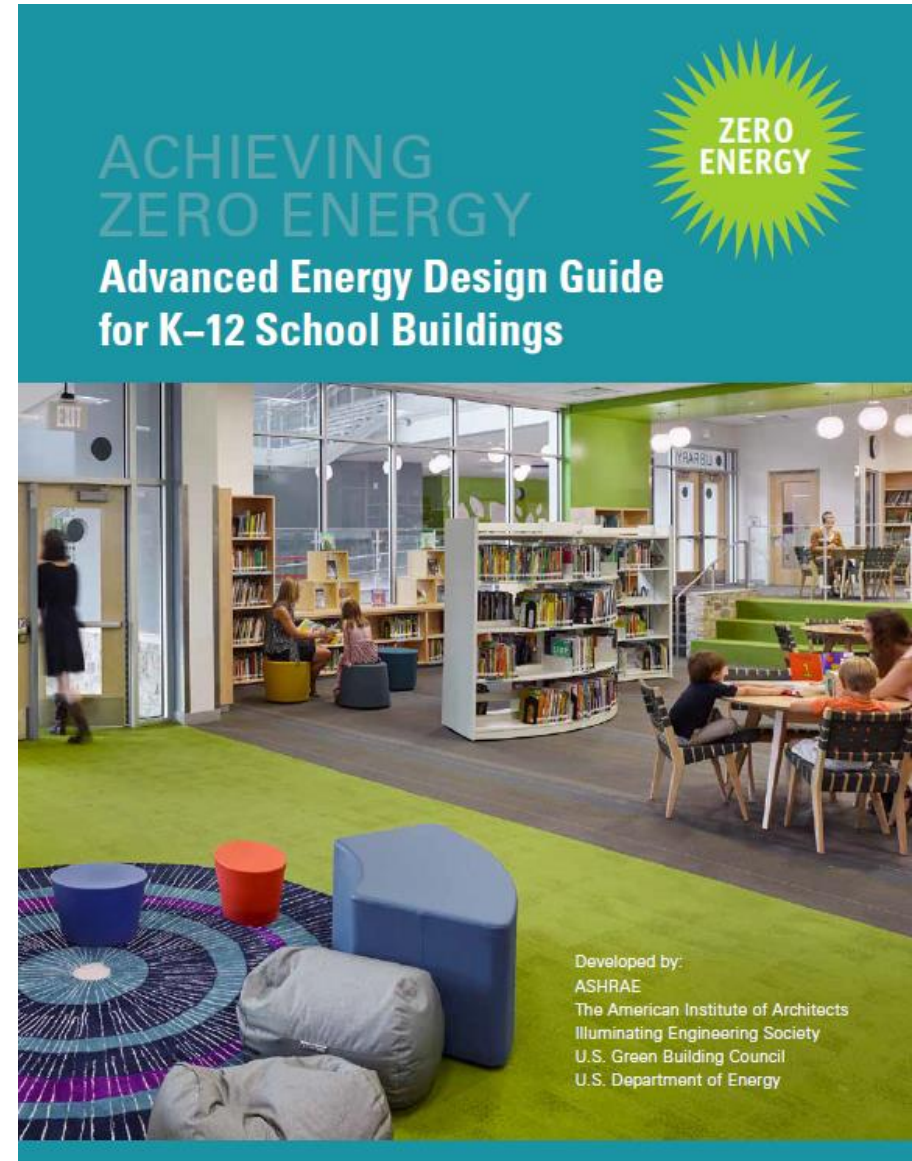
Sacred Heart Schools Stevens Library, WRNS

# A Tool to Accelerate Change

Building Cultural  
Change through the  
School Community

**A concise guide with  
the rationale and tools  
to get everyone on the  
same page**

Available as free download:  
[www.ashrae.org/technicalresources/aedgs](http://www.ashrae.org/technicalresources/aedgs)





## What's in the Guide

Speaks to multiple audiences to build consensus

- School Owners (Board, Facilities, Administration)
- Engineers and Architects
- Students, Families, and Community Stakeholders

Rationale for Zero Energy





## What's in the Guide

### Measurable energy goals

Financially feasible

Operationally workable

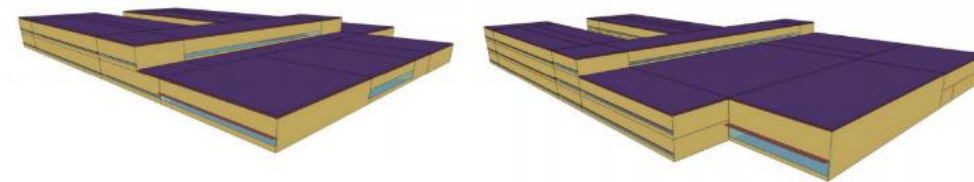
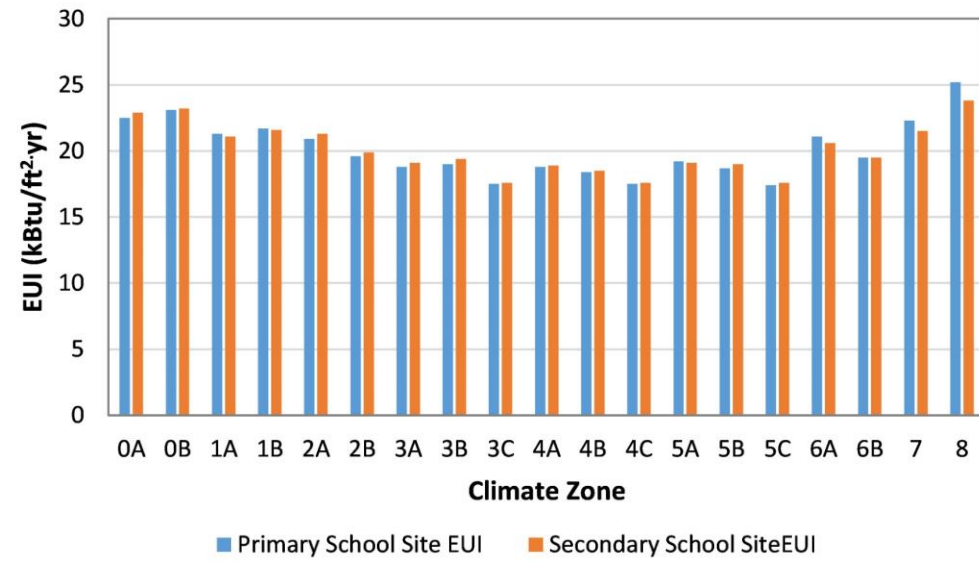
Readily achievable

### Methodology for designing and constructing feasible zero energy schools

Keys to Success

How to Strategies

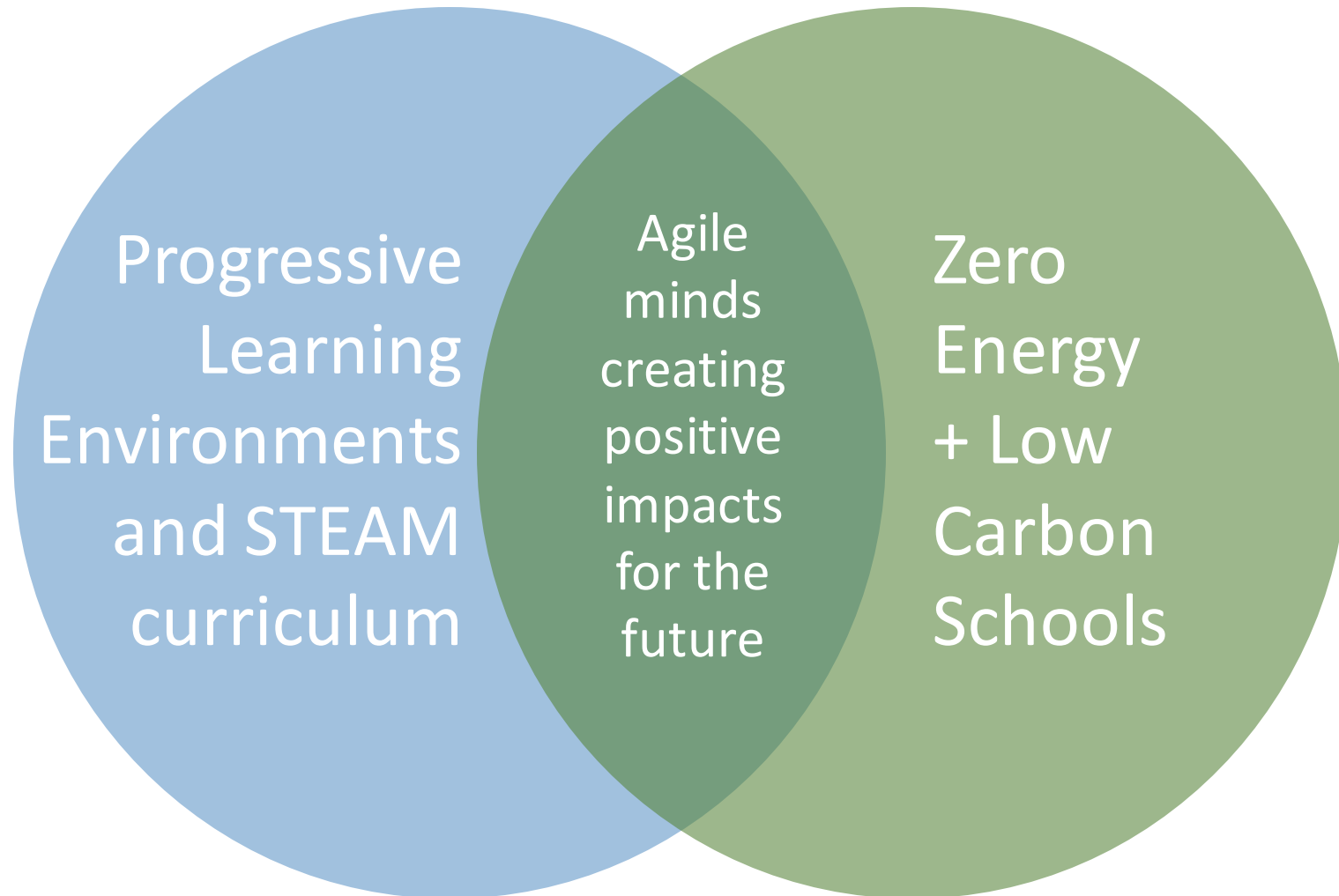
Case Studies



NREL Building Simulations to establish  
EUI targets feasible for each climate zone

WHY ZERO ENERGY FOR SCHOOLS?

The ideal building type to push  
zero energy design



## WHY ZERO ENERGY FOR SCHOOLS?

# Enhanced Learning Environment

- Healthy, comfortable, and inspiring environments
- Opportunities for collaboration, inquiry, and hands-on learning
- Mind-set and technical knowledge to create positive change



Rio del Sol K-8 STEAM School, Architecture for Education



WHY ZERO ENERGY FOR SCHOOLS?

# Space Impacts Learning



Thermal  
Comfort



Air  
Quality



Daylight



Acoustics



More  
Alert

More  
Creative

More  
Collaborative

Better  
Concentration

# WHY ZERO ENERGY FOR SCHOOLS?

## An Engaging Collaborative Enterprise

- **Discovery**
- **Problem-solving**
- **Social Action**



**Jan Quilantang** @GTechOHS · 13 Dec 2018

GTech Sophomores in Energy and Environmental Design spent a second day exploring solar panels and solar electricity. It was a beautiful day to be outside.



WHY ZERO ENERGY FOR SCHOOLS?

# Inspire a Trajectory for the Future



## Green Technologies Academy

### Learn Invaluable Green Technology Skills

Learn tools of the trade that empower you to confidently explore a bright future in the ever-evolving green technology industry.

### Power Your Career

Green Technologies Academy students will have an opportunity to learn multiple skills: including state-of-the-art 3D design and modeling software; the elements and principles of design; the engineering design process; alternative and renewable energy sources; blueprint reading; sustainable construction practices; zero net zero buildings; energy auditing and green and sustainable construction. Student will develop and build on a foundation of reusing, recycling reclaiming and repurposing. This immersive, multi-year sequence of classes and work-based learning experiences prepares students for college coursework and gives them a competitive advantage in the job market.

### Build a Bright Future in Green Technologies

Do you care about the environment? Do you enjoy working with technology? A career in green technologies can be the path of your dreams. Make a true difference and learn what green technologies can do for your community. Discover cutting-edge technology, learn about alternative energy sources and explore



WHY ZERO ENERGY FOR SCHOOLS?

# Inspire a Trajectory for the Future

Jobs in  
fossil fuel  
industry

Jobs in  
renewable  
energy  
industry



2017 DOE U.S. Energy Employment Report

# WHY ZERO ENERGY FOR SCHOOLS?

## Spend Resources Wisely

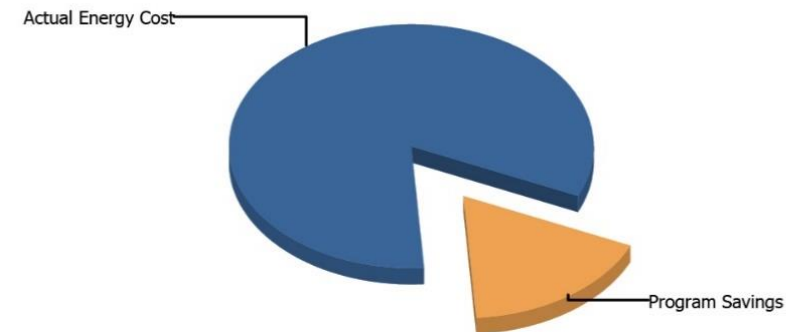
Owner-occupied schools directly benefit from operating cost savings

### Energy Conservation Program CAP - 19

#### Cumulative Cost Savings

November 2018

|                      |              |
|----------------------|--------------|
| Expected Energy Cost | \$19,433,945 |
| Actual Energy Cost   | \$16,079,096 |
| <hr/>                |              |
| Program Savings      | \$3,354,849  |
| Percent Savings      | 17.3%        |
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| Other Savings        | \$239,144    |
| Total Savings        | \$3,593,993  |



# Zero Energy K-12 Case Studies



Discovery ES, CZ 4A, EUI 15.8

VMDO Architects, Image: Digital Design + Imaging



Dearing ES, CZ 2A, EUI 23.5

Barry Nebhut, Architect, Image: Stantec



Richard J. Lee ES, CZ 3A, EUI 18.9

Image: Stantec



# Zero Energy K-12 Case Studies



Odyssey ES, CZ 5B, EUI 15.0

VCBO Architects, photographer: Dana Sohm



Hollis Montessori, CZ 5A, EUI 9.6

Windy Hill Assoc. Architects, Photo: Eric Roth



Friends School, CZ 6A, EUI 11.7

Kaplan Thompson Architect, ncob photo

# Two Fundamental Principles

- **Create and reinforce a culture for zero energy:**  
connect student learning/success with Zero Energy and educators will buy in
- **Adopt a collaborative and integrated team process**

human graph on bike walk to school day - Ms Cs 2nd grade @DiscoveryESPTA

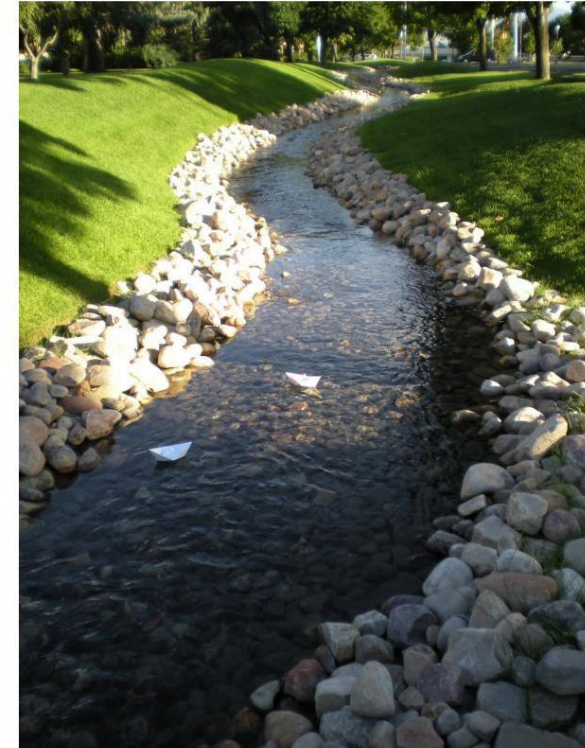




CREATING A CULTURE FOR ZERO ENERGY

# Nurturing Environmental Stewards

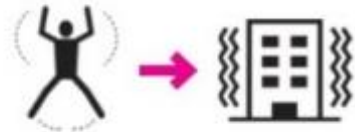
The idea of caring  
about the  
environment  
permeates the  
whole school





## Building a Story around Sustainability

### BODY + BUILDING



body in  
motion

building in  
motion



skin=largest  
organ

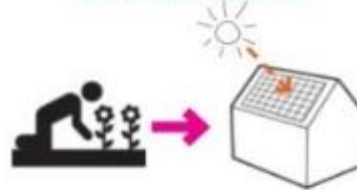
building skin=  
biggest component



strong bones

strong  
structure

### SUSTAINABILITY



body  
converts food  
to energy

building  
converts  
sunlight to  
energy



body  
breathes

building  
ventilates



body  
stores  
water

building  
stores  
water

### LIGHT



heartbeat

building beats



body @ rest

serene space



sun provides  
vitamin D

sun provides  
natural light

# Measuring and Sharing Success

## The Interactive Dashboard:

A curriculum of experiential learning developed by students, administrators, and teachers around the sustainability facets of the buildings



# COLLABORATIVE AND INTEGRATED PROCESS

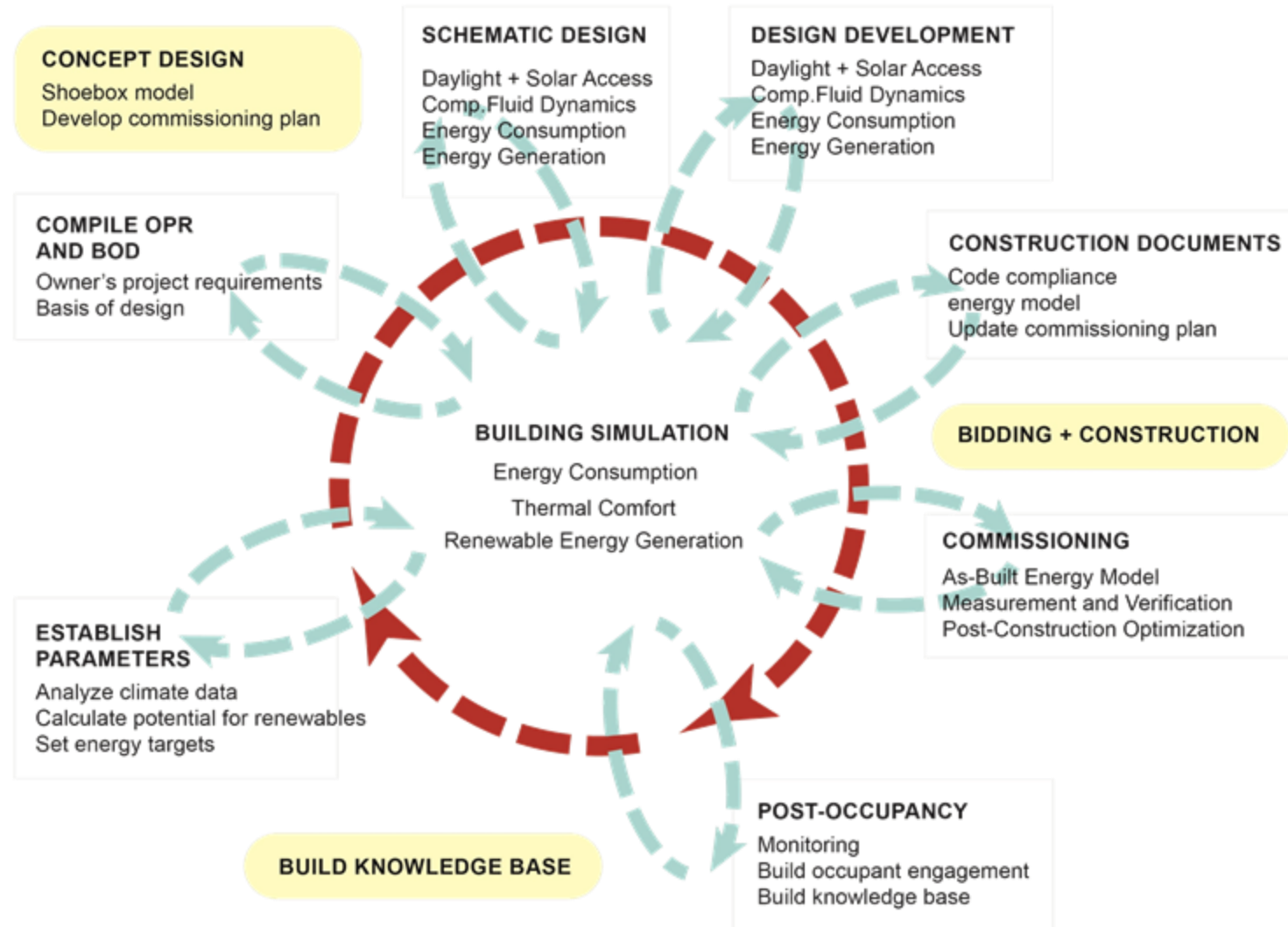
## Building Stakeholder Buy-in





# COLLABORATIVE AND INTEGRATED PROCESS

## Putting Building Simulation at the Center to Reach Measurable Goals



# Iterative Simulations

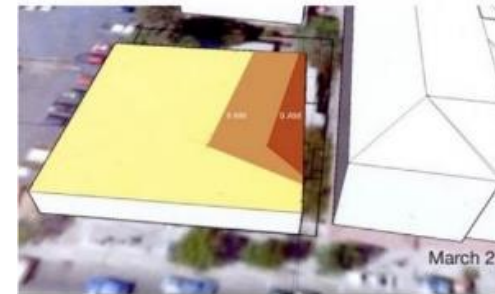
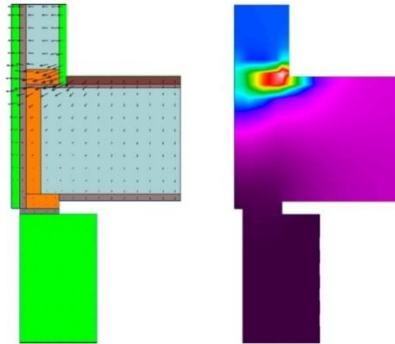
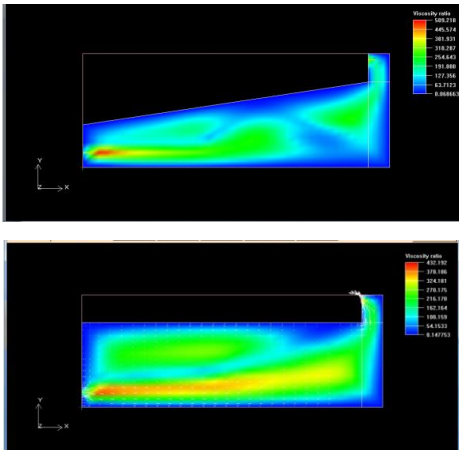
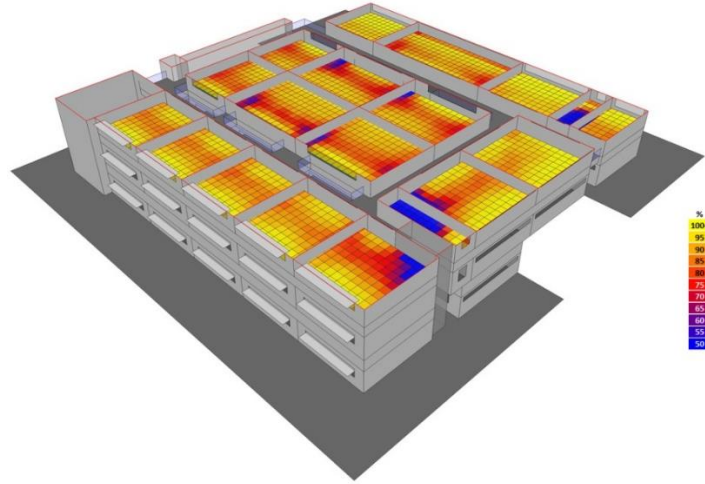
**Simulate / Model / Commission / Measure / Verify**

Identify key measurable performance parameters for systems and components in Owner's Project Requirements



# COLLABORATIVE AND INTEGRATED PROCESS

## Putting Building Simulation at the Center



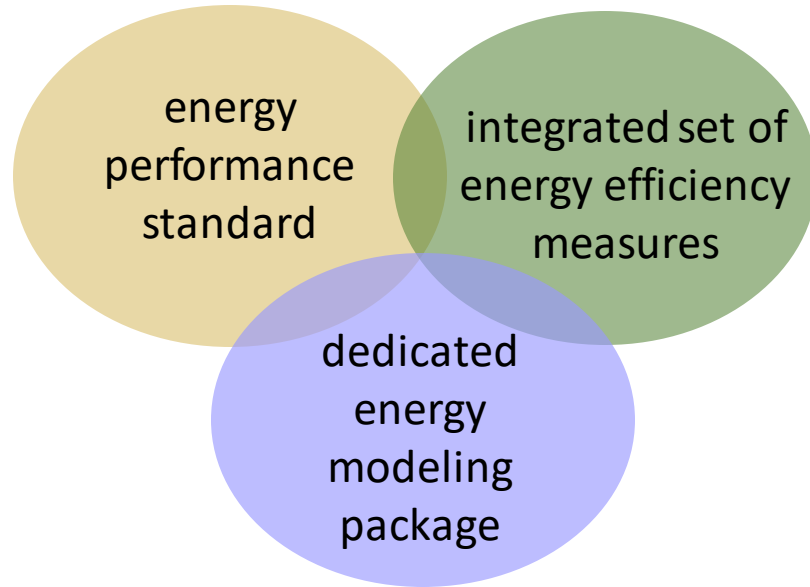
Roof Height: 12'-0"  
Solar Access Analysis

Roof Height: 24'-0"

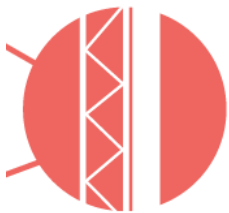


# COLLABORATIVE AND INTEGRATED PROCESS

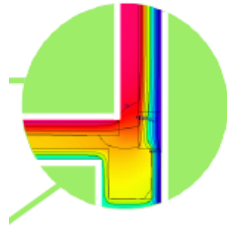
## The Passive House Integrated Process — Calibrated To Actual Post-occupancy Energy Consumption



Friends School of Portland, Maine -- Kaplan Thompson Architects



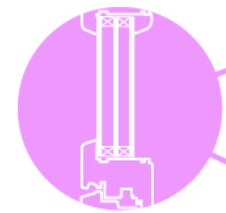
**Climate-specific  
Insulation**



**Thermal-bridge  
free Details**



**Airtightness**



**High-performance  
windows + Doors  
w/ Controlled Solar Gain**



**Balanced  
Continuous  
Ventilation**

# Project Planning

A realistic budget and schedule:

- closer attention to front end planning and post occupancy commissioning and user engagement



Standard design process



Integrated Zero Energy design process

## KEYS TO SUCCESS

# Setting Targets For High Performance



- Measurable EUI Targets
- Zero Energy: Site or Source
- Optimize Building/Grid Interactions
  - Battery Storage
  - Thermal Storage
  - Smart Grids/Microgrids
- Zero Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Reduced Carbon Footprint of Materials and Maintenance
- Optimized Transportation to/from school



# KEYS TO SUCCESS

## Achieving Low EUI First



Reidberg School  
Frankfurt, Germany



Central School  
Nordhorn, Germany



Montessori School  
Aufkirchen, Germany



Oakmeadow School  
Wolverhampton, United Kingdom

# Prioritization

## STEP 1

### Energy Efficiency Measures

Efficient building construction

Efficient systems and appliances

Operations and maintenance

Change in user behavior

## STEP 2

### Demand Response

Shifting electricity usage from peak periods to periods of lesser demand

## STEP 3

### Renewable Energy

On-site energy generation

## STEP 4

### Distributed Generation

Power generation at the point of consumption

## KEYS TO SUCCESS

# Prioritization

STEP 1

### Energy Efficiency Measures

Efficient building construction  
Efficient systems and appliances  
Operations and maintenance  
Change in user behavior



### Canada

Overcast, Snow,  
Colder Extremes:  
Passive House  
Standard

STEP 2

### Demand Response

Shifting electricity usage from peak periods to periods  
of lesser demand

STEP 3

### Renewable Energy

On-site energy generation



### California

Lots of Sunshine,  
Temperate  
Climate:  
Photovoltaic  
Panels

STEP 4

### Distributed Generation

Power generation at the point of consumption



KEYS TO SUCCESS

# Quality assurance and commissioning



Dearing Elementary School, Barry Nebhut Architect, Texas

## KEYS TO SUCCESS

# Ensuring optimal long-term energy performance

Requires owner and occupant engagement throughout the lifetime of the building

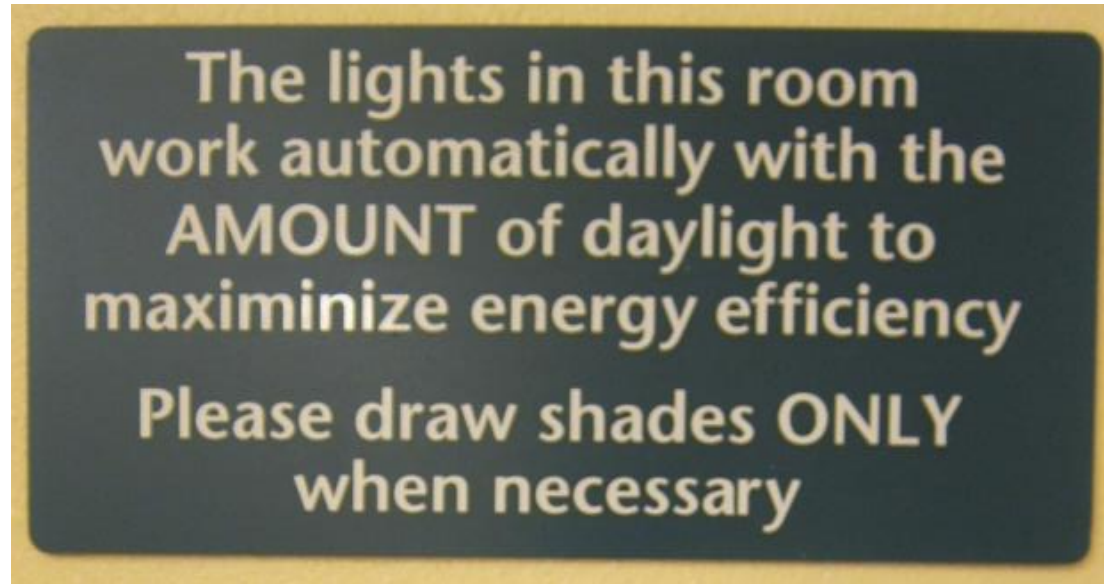
- Create a communications strategy to engage users
- Build the knowledge base for future projects



Discovery Elementary School, VMDO Architects

## KEYS TO SUCCESS

# Ensuring optimal long-term energy performance

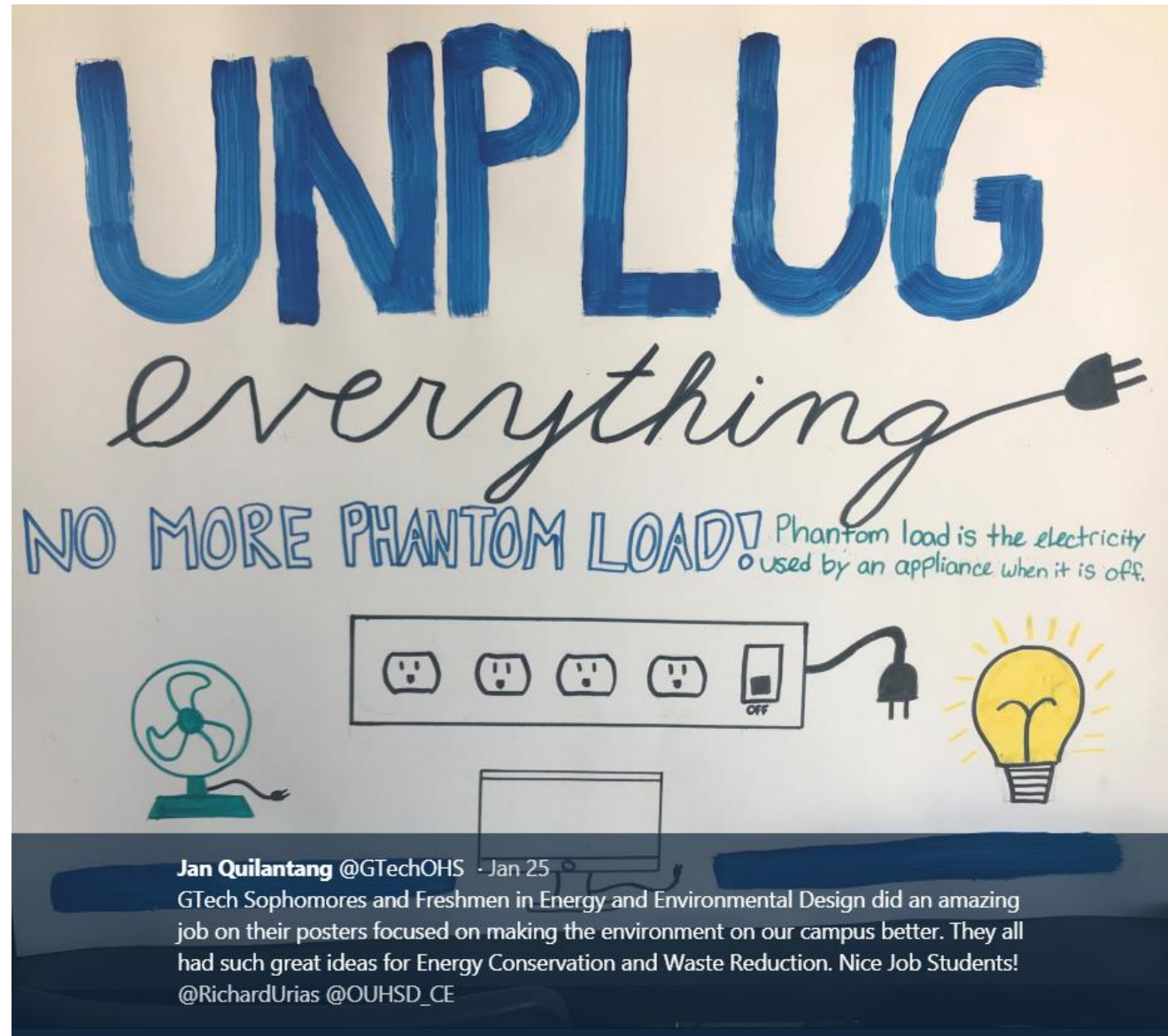




## KEYS TO SUCCESS

# Engaging all levels of staff and students

- education
- friendly reminders
- shutdown checklists
- site visits at all hours of the day and night to check for compliance



## HOW-TO STRATEGIES

# How to Achieve Low EUI's Before Adding Renewables



Building and Site Planning



Envelope



Lighting



Daylighting



Plug Loads



Kitchen Equipment



Water Heating



HVAC Systems



Renewable Energy

## HOW-TO STRATEGIES

# Find Opportunities to Simplify

### Reduce Heating + Cooling Loads

- Architecture
- Program

### Utilize Environmental Resources

- Daylighting
- Natural Free Cooling/Ventilation

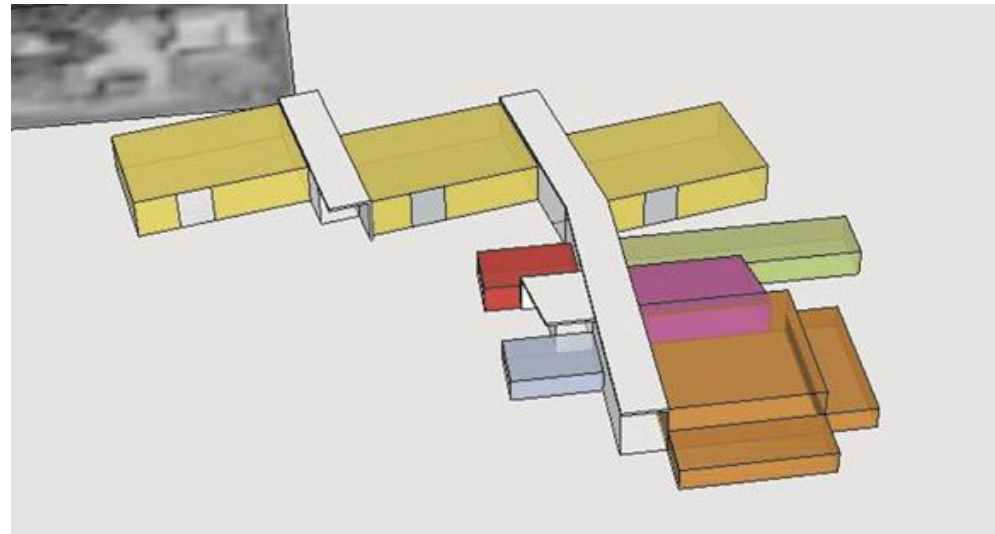
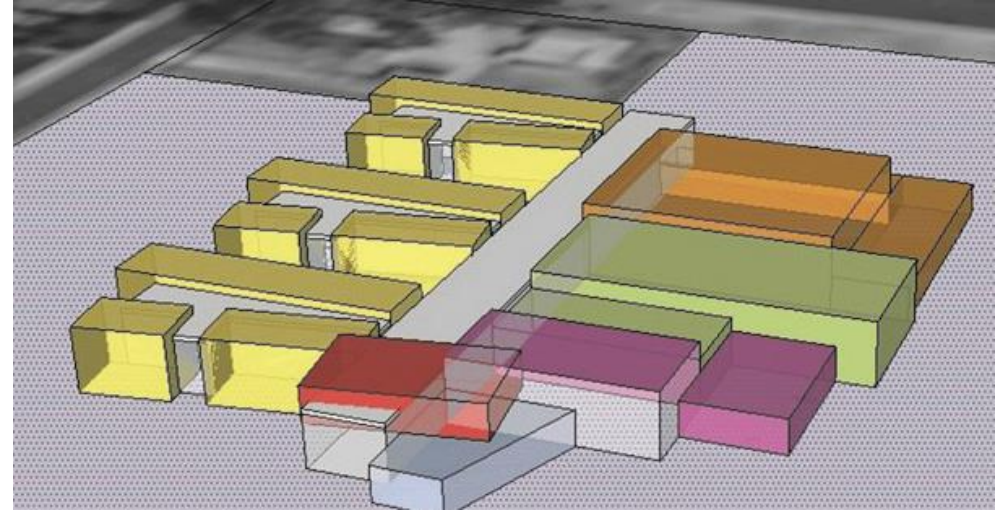


Socastee Elementary School, South Carolina, Stantec



# Building and Site Planning

- Site Selection
- Massing
- Building Orientation
- Solar Access
- Roof or Site Area for Solar Panels
- Program Zoning for Partial Shut-downs
- Classroom Configuration
- Classroom Utilization



## HOW-TO STRATEGIES

# Building and Site Planning

### Provision of a Roof Suitable for PV

- PV Area as a percent of Gross Floor Area
- Does not include a net-to-gross area factor of 1.25



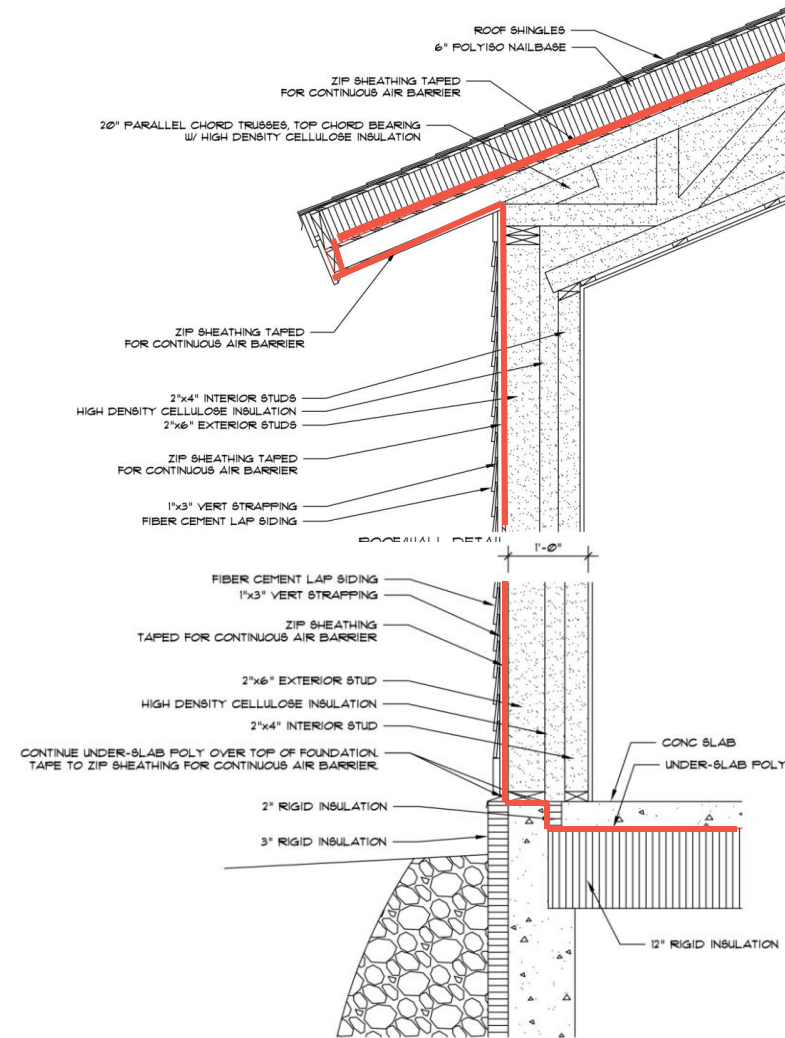
| CLIMATE ZONE | CZ 0A | CZ 1A | CZ 2A | CZ 3A | CZ 4A | CZ 5A | CZ 6A | CZ 7 | CZ 8 |
|--------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| Primary      | 0.27  | 0.20  | 0.21  | 0.20  | 0.23  | 0.25  | 0.27  | 0.31 | 0.45 |
| Secondary    | 0.27  | 0.20  | 0.21  | 0.20  | 0.23  | 0.24  | 0.26  | 0.29 | 0.44 |

# HOW-TO STRATEGIES

## Building Enclosure

### Air Barrier Continuity:

- Establish Air Infiltration Goals
- Drawing the Red-Line



Hollis Montessori School  
Credit: Windy Hill Associates

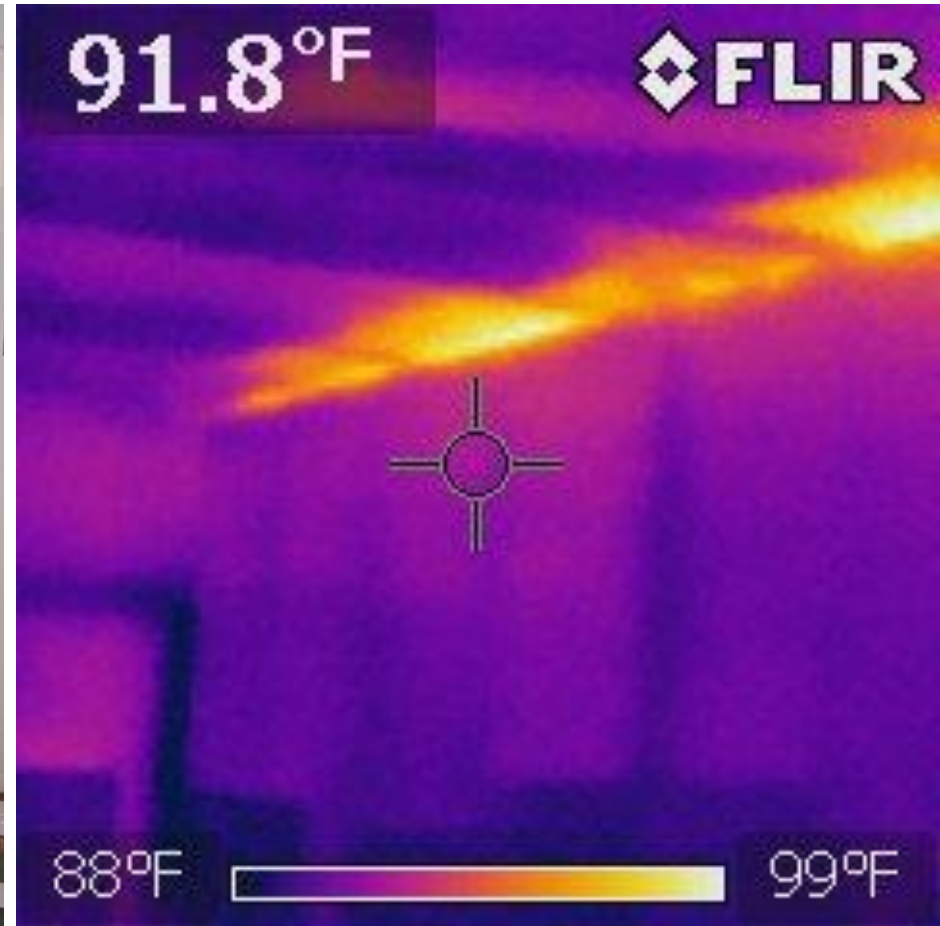


# HOW-TO STRATEGIES

## Building Enclosure

Airtightness  
Testing and  
Verification:

- Blower door test
- Smoke testing
- Infrared thermography



# HOW-TO STRATEGIES

## Building Enclosure

### Building Insulation:

- Appropriate U-Factors for Roof, Walls and Floors
- Effective Installation
- Maintain Adequate Interior Surface Temperatures



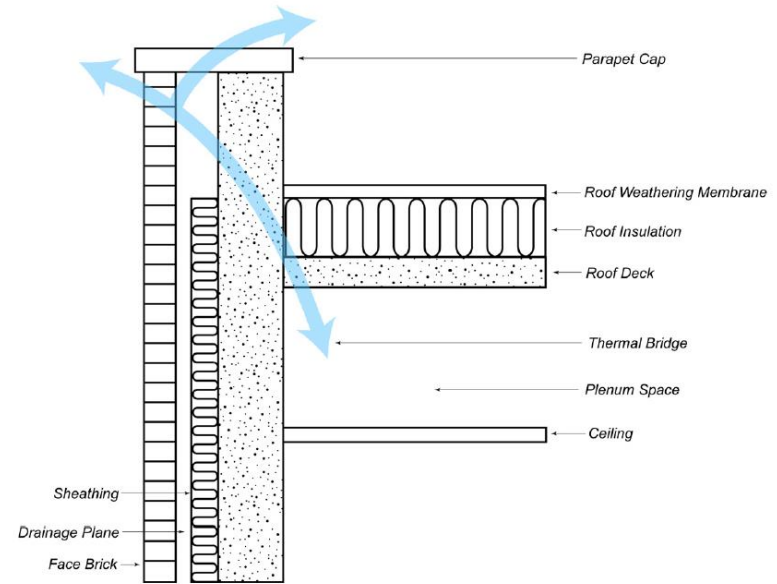
West Berkeley Public Library, HED

# HOW-TO STRATEGIES

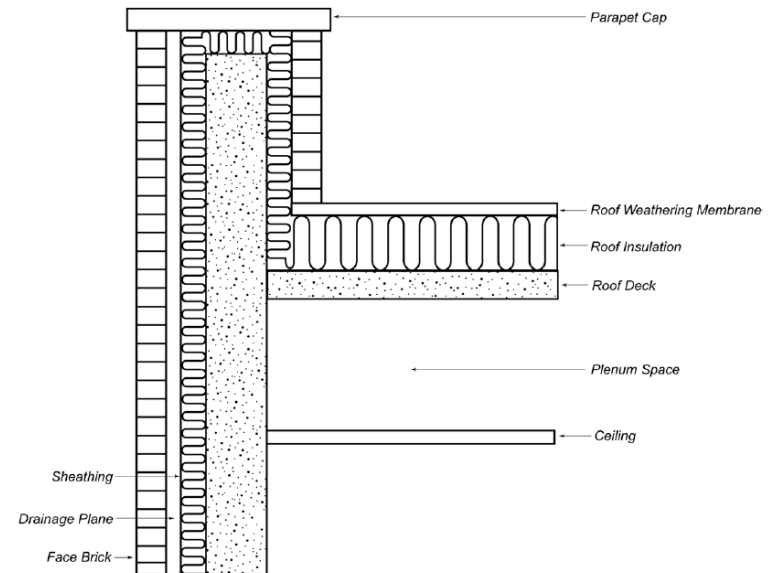
## Building Enclosure

### Detailing for Continuous Insulation

- Parapets
- Shelf Angles
- Below-Grade Transitions
- Canopies
- Balconies
- Roof and Wall Penetrations



(a) Problem



(b) Solution



# HOW-TO STRATEGIES

## Building Enclosure

## Strategies to Optimize Fenestration

- Installation Sequencing
- Glazing
- Frames
- Doors
- Operable Windows
- Shading and Daylighting



# Gateway Community Charter, Architecture for Education

[illegible]

# HOW-TO STRATEGIES

## Daylighting

- Control glare
- Daylight sensors to integrate with electric lighting



Oregon Episcopal School, Portland, Oregon, Hacker Architects

# HOW-TO STRATEGIES

## Interior Lighting

- Fixture Layout
- Controls
- Space Finishes
- Integration with Daylight



Mira Costa High School, HED



# HOW-TO STRATEGIES

## Exterior Lighting



Discovery Elementary School, VMDO Architects

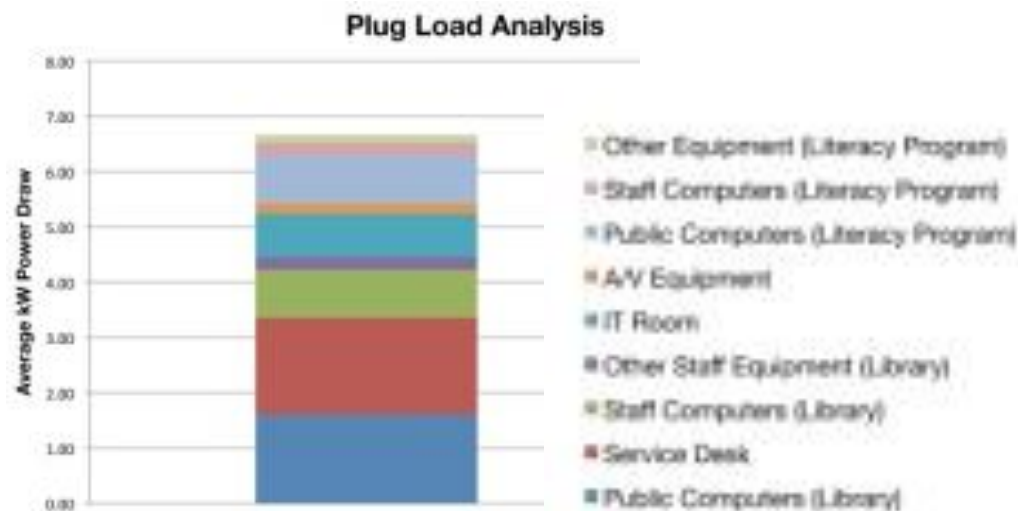
- Vary design light levels per night usage and safety considerations
- Photosensor controls
- Highest efficacy lamps and fixtures

## HOW-TO STRATEGIES

# Plug Loads and Power Distribution

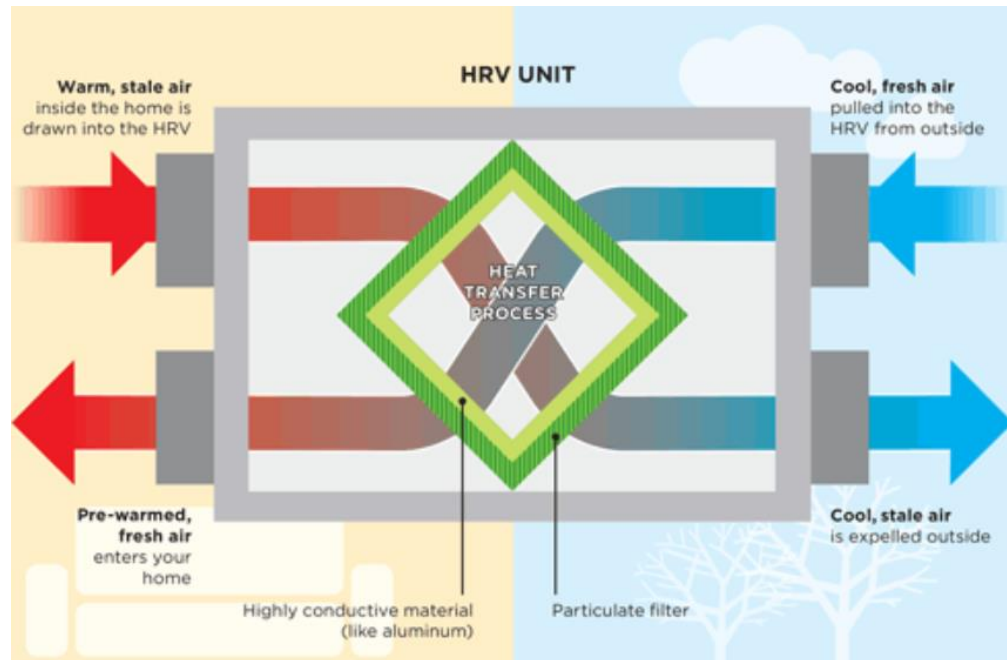
## Anticipate the unexpected!

- Plug loads change over time as school programs evolve
- Develop a plug load policy and re-calibrate each year with staff
- Engage the students in managing plug loads



## HOW-TO STRATEGIES

# HVAC Design + Equipment Options



- **Simplify!**
- Maximize full and part load efficiency
- Minimize air ducts
- Demand-control to ensure adequate ventilation, critical for student performance
- Separate ventilation/dehumidification and temperature control
- Air-to-air energy recovery
- Eliminate reheat



# HOW-TO STRATEGIES

## Kitchen Equipment



Chatham University, Eden Hall Campus Kitchen, Mithun

- **Heat the food, not the room**
- Healthy menus align with lower energy consumption
- Less heat and smoke = less exhaust and make-up airflow
- Demand-control kitchen hoods

## HOW-TO STRATEGIES

# Renewable Energy Systems

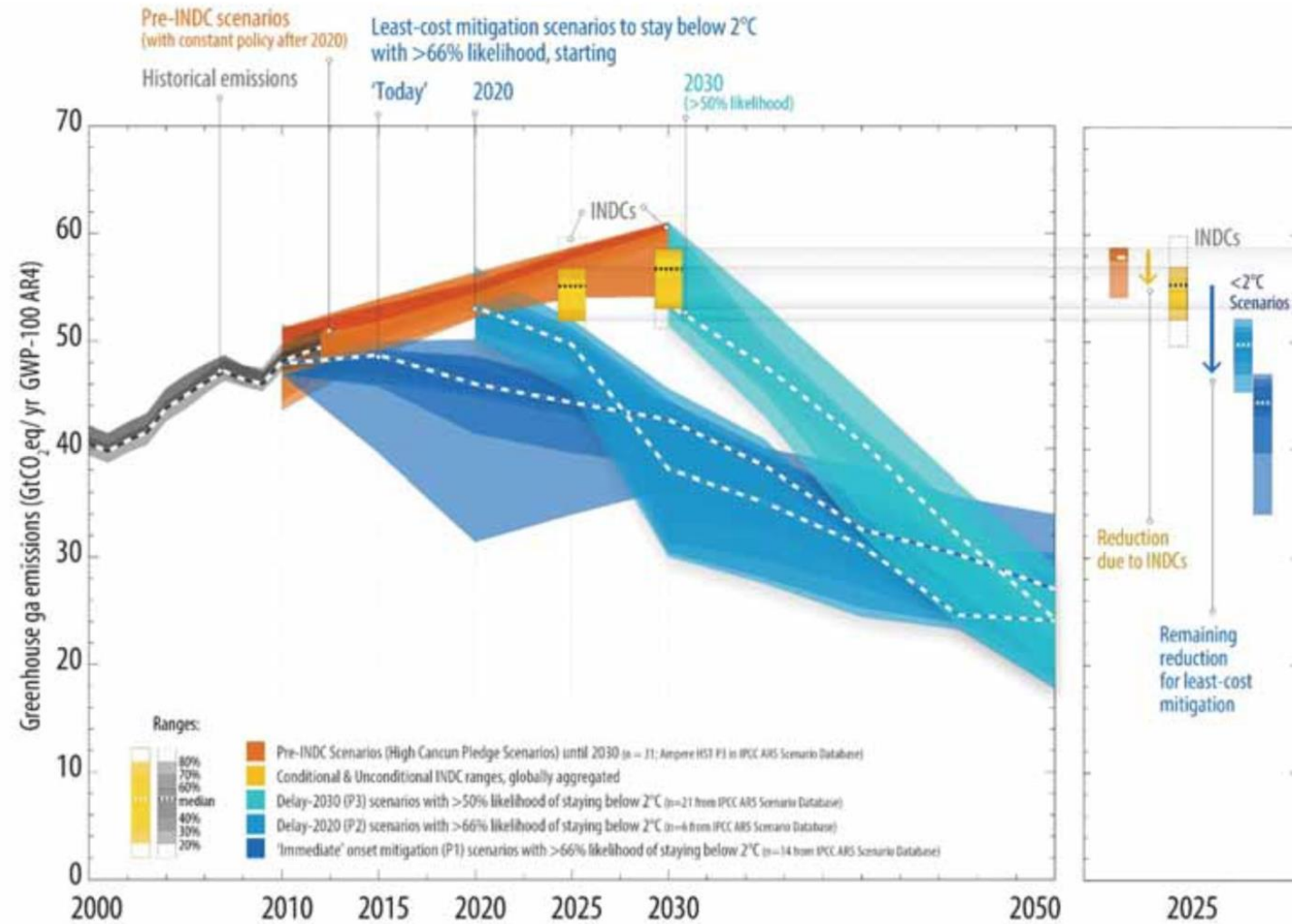


Discovery Elementary School, Virginia -- VMDO Architects

- Size array based on optimized building EUI
- Configure roof to optimize photovoltaic panels
- Negotiate power contract with local utility



# IT'S FEASIBLE NOW --- No Time to Wait



UNFCCC: SYNTHESIS REPORT ON THE AGGREGATE  
EFFECT OF INTENDED NATIONALLY DETERMINED CONTRIBUTIONS (INDCs), November 2015



# IT'S FEASIBLE NOW --- No Time to Wait

In California,  
6,000 new classrooms  
needed every year.

With 60-year building  
life-span  
decisions made today  
will still be with us in  
2080!



IT'S FEASIBLE NOW ---  
No Time to Wait



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**ACHIEVE**

**ZERO ENERGY**

**AT**

**NO COST**

**BRIAN TURNER**

**CMTA**

**ZACHARY SCHNEIDER**

**CMTA**







**DISTRICT 3 POLICE HEADQUARTERS  
CINCINNATI, OHIO**



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ADRIAN, MICHIGAN**



**TOYOTA CORVALLIS  
CORVALLIS, OREGON**



**WILDE LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL  
COLUMBIA, MARYLAND**



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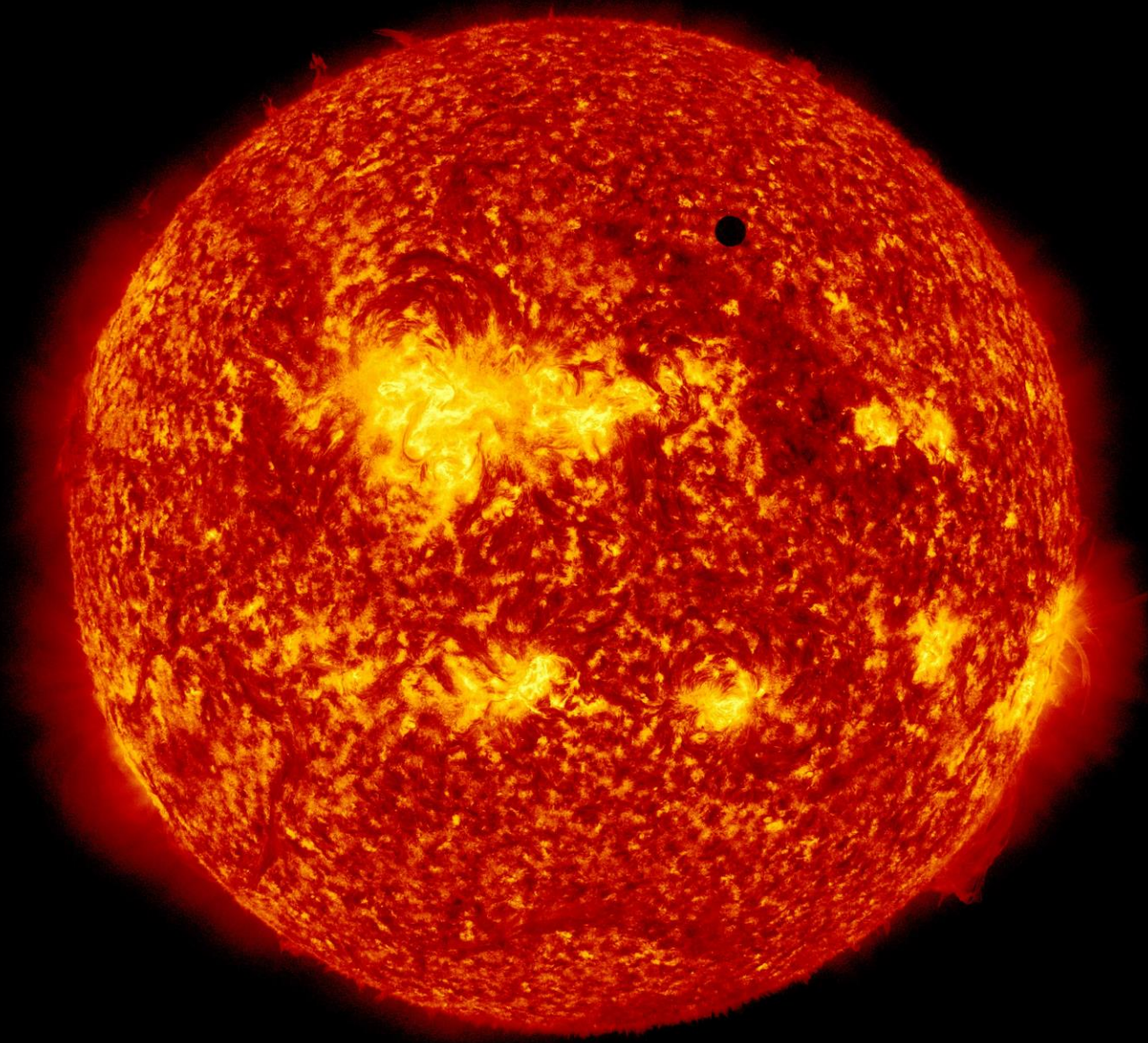


**WEST ELEMENTARY  
WASHINGTON, DC**



**HOLABIRD / GRACELAND ELEMENTARY  
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND**





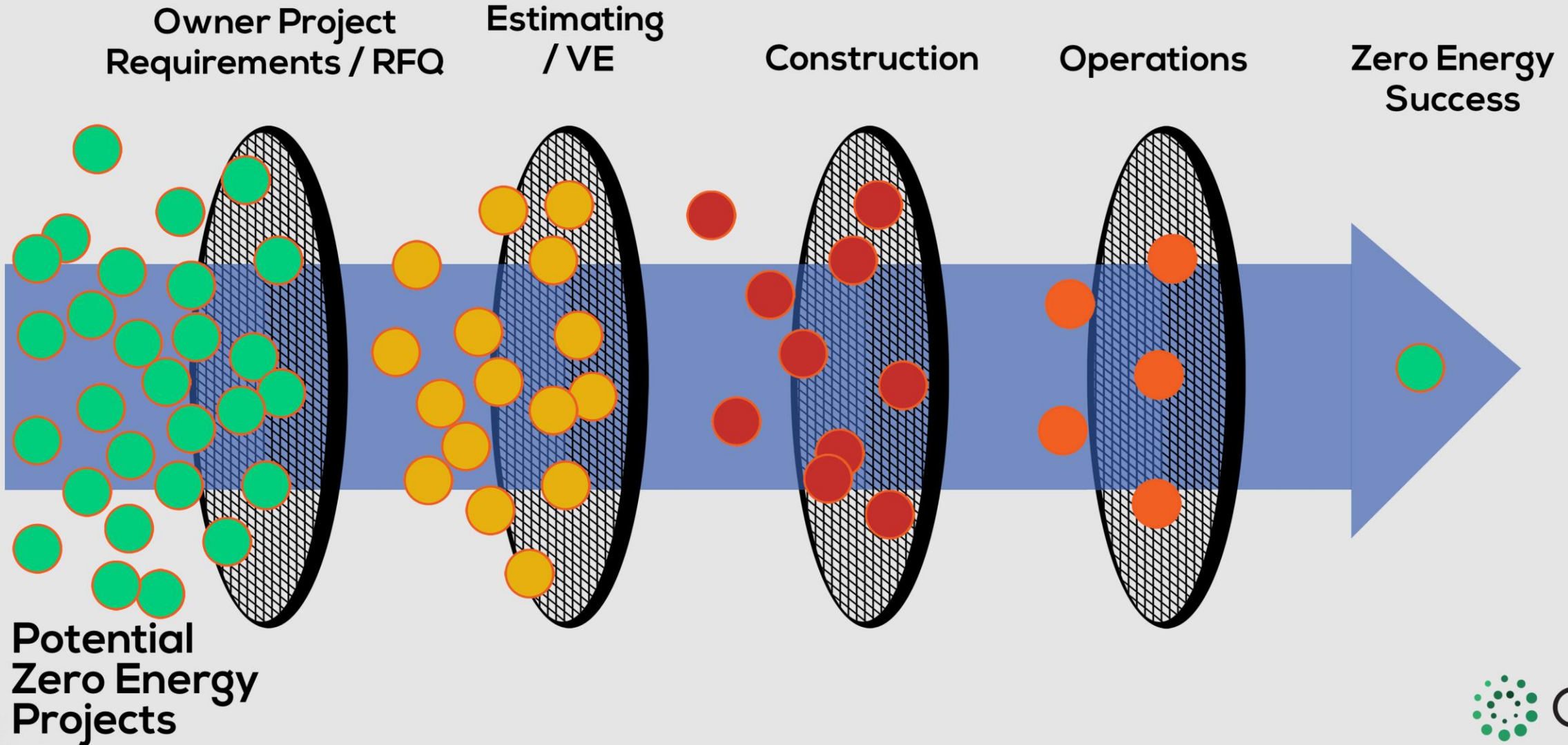
# OUR NEW REALITY

U.S. school districts spend \$6B  
each year on energy —  
second only to  
salaries.





# ZERO ENERGY FILTERS







Any building  
can be zero-  
energy...

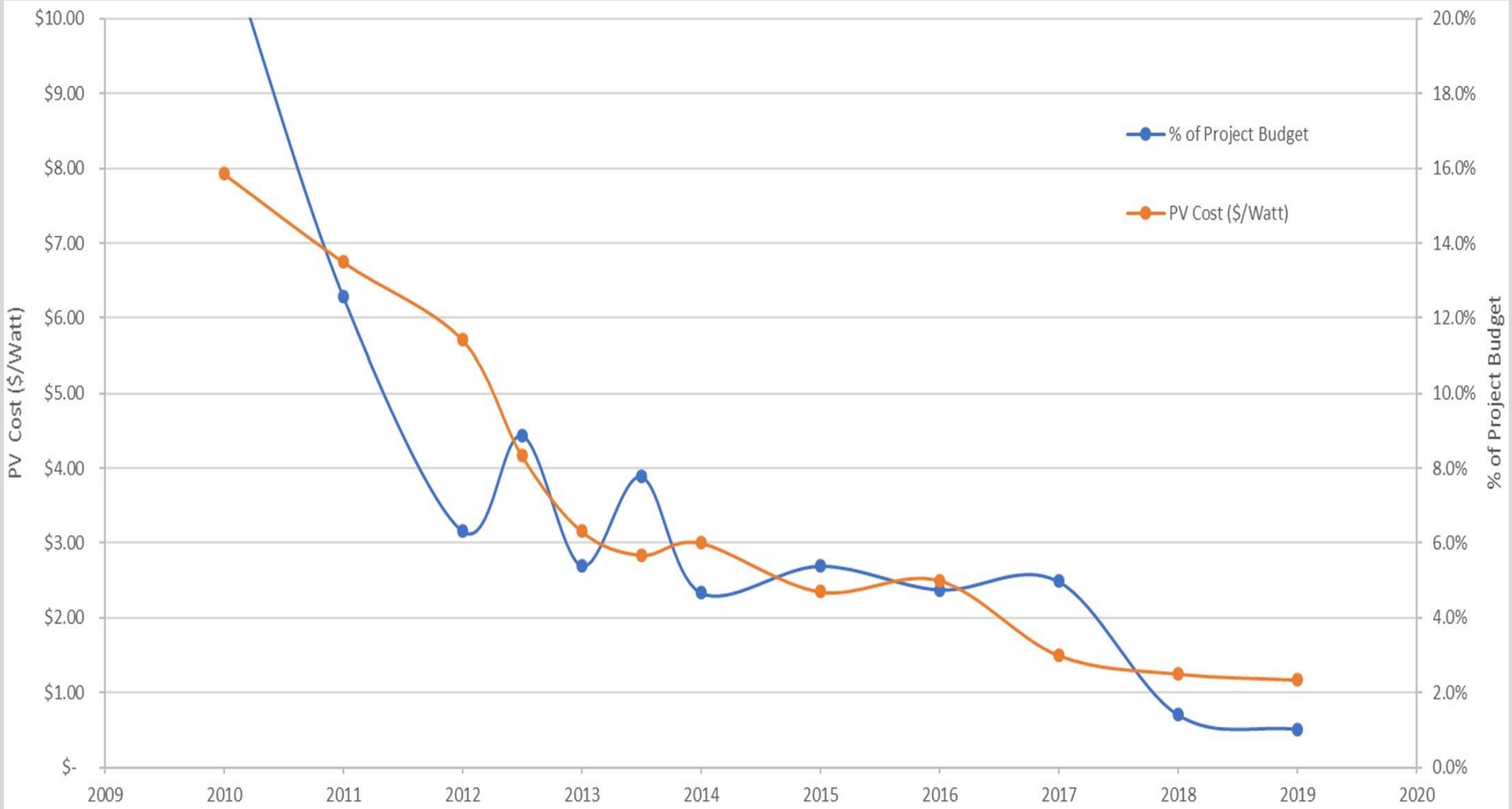


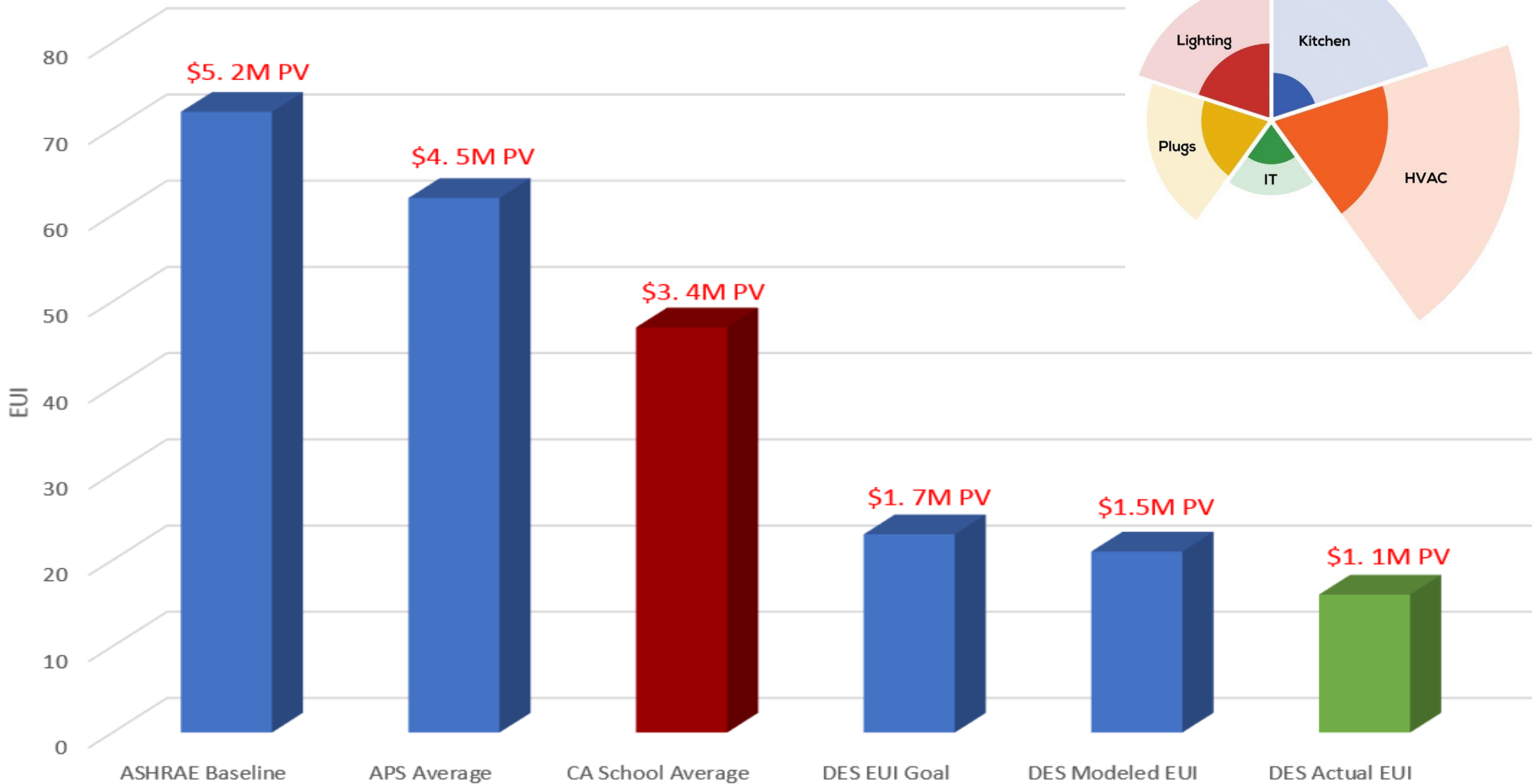


If you can afford  
a solar array big  
enough



# COST TO ACHIEVE ZERO ENERGY





**MUST DO**

**SHOULD DO**

**COULD DO**



# MUST DO

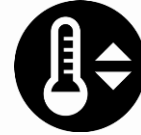
# MECHANICAL SYSTEM DESIGN CRITERIA



BUILDING  
ENVELOPE



VENTILATION



HEATING  
& COOLING



HUMIDITY

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## TRADITIONAL VAV

Prescriptive  
Design

Through AHU for  
critical zone, over  
ventilate all other  
spaces

Cools air to 55  
degrees and  
reheat to  
setpoint  
temperature

Relies on  
temperature  
control to  
address levels

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## HIGH- PERFORMANCE

Performance  
Design

DOAS –  
Outdoor air is  
dehumidified  
and delivered to  
spaces needed

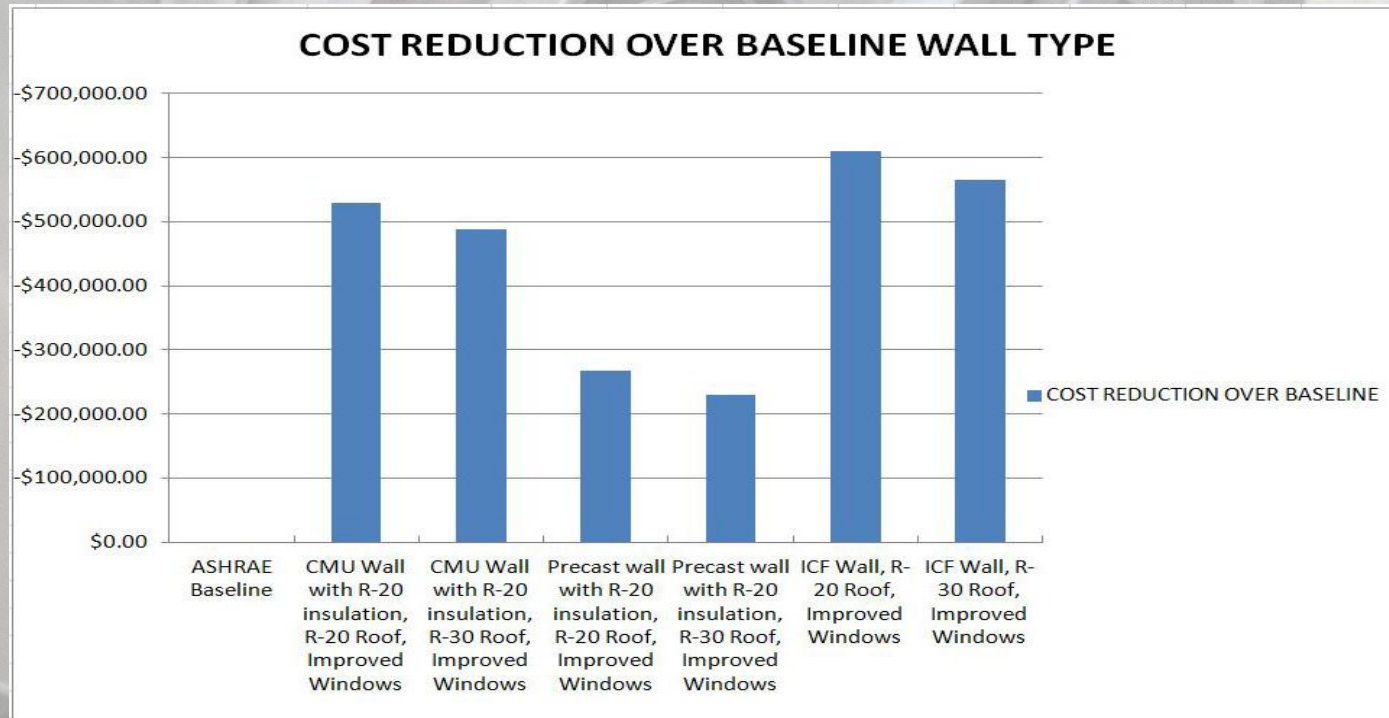
Distributed heat  
pumps cool or heat  
the air to setpoint  
temperatures

Monitor and control  
with hot gas reheat  
and supplement  
with DOAS  
dehumidification



# Right Sizing HVAC

| ENVELOPE TYPE  | INFILTRATION (cfm per square foot of wall) | COST OF ENVELOPE of envelope | COST OF HVAC SYSTEM | TOTAL COST   | COST REDUCTION OVER BASELINE | HVAC Tons |
|--|--|------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| ASHRAE Baseline  | 0.3  | \$3,747,526                  | \$6,983,966         | \$10,731,492 | 0                            | 543       |
| CMU Wall with R-20 insulation, R-20 Roof, Improved Windows     | 0.1  | \$4,169,425                  | \$6,033,039         | \$10,202,464 | -\$529,028                   | 382       |
| CMU Wall with R-20 insulation, R-30 Roof, Improved Windows     | 0.1  | \$4,288,254                  | \$5,954,186         | \$10,242,440 | -\$489,052                   | 369       |
| Precast wall with R-20 insulation, R-20 Roof, Improved Windows | 0.15                                       | \$4,447,324                  | \$6,016,595         | \$10,463,919 | -\$267,573                   | 379       |
| Precast wall with R-20 insulation, R-30 Roof, Improved Windows | 0.15                                       | \$4,566,153                  | \$5,935,599         | \$10,501,752 | -\$229,740                   | 366       |
| ICF Wall, R-20 Roof, Improved Windows                          | 0.08                                       | \$4,185,772                  | \$5,935,599         | \$10,121,371 | -\$610,121                   | 366       |
| ICF Wall, R-30 Roof, Improved Windows                          | 0.08                                       | \$4,304,601                  | \$5,860,813         | \$10,165,414 | -\$566,078                   | 353       |





A major portion of  
a building's energy  
loss is by air  
leakage through  
the building's skin



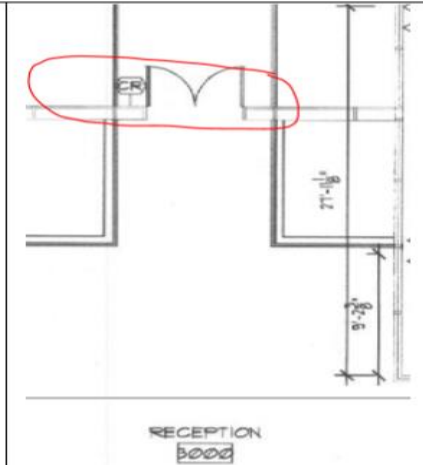
MINIMIZE AIR LEAKAGE >>

RIGHT SIZE MECH. SYSTEM >>

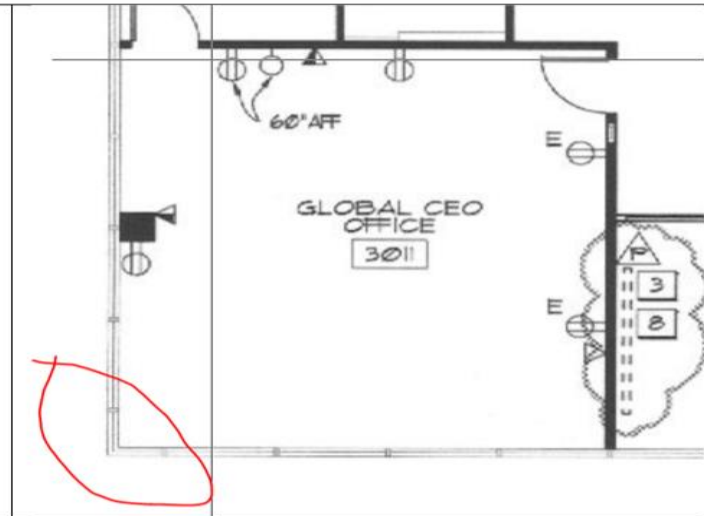
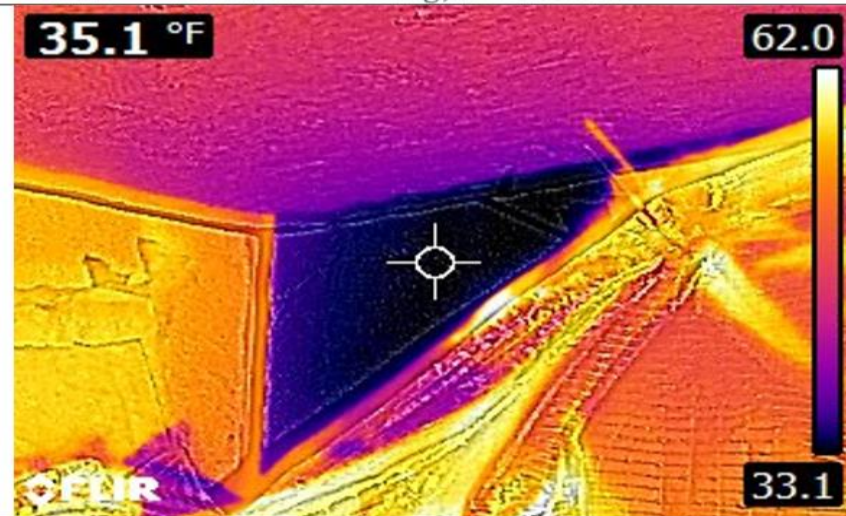
REDUCE ENERGY FOOTPRINT



Atrium Entrance Door

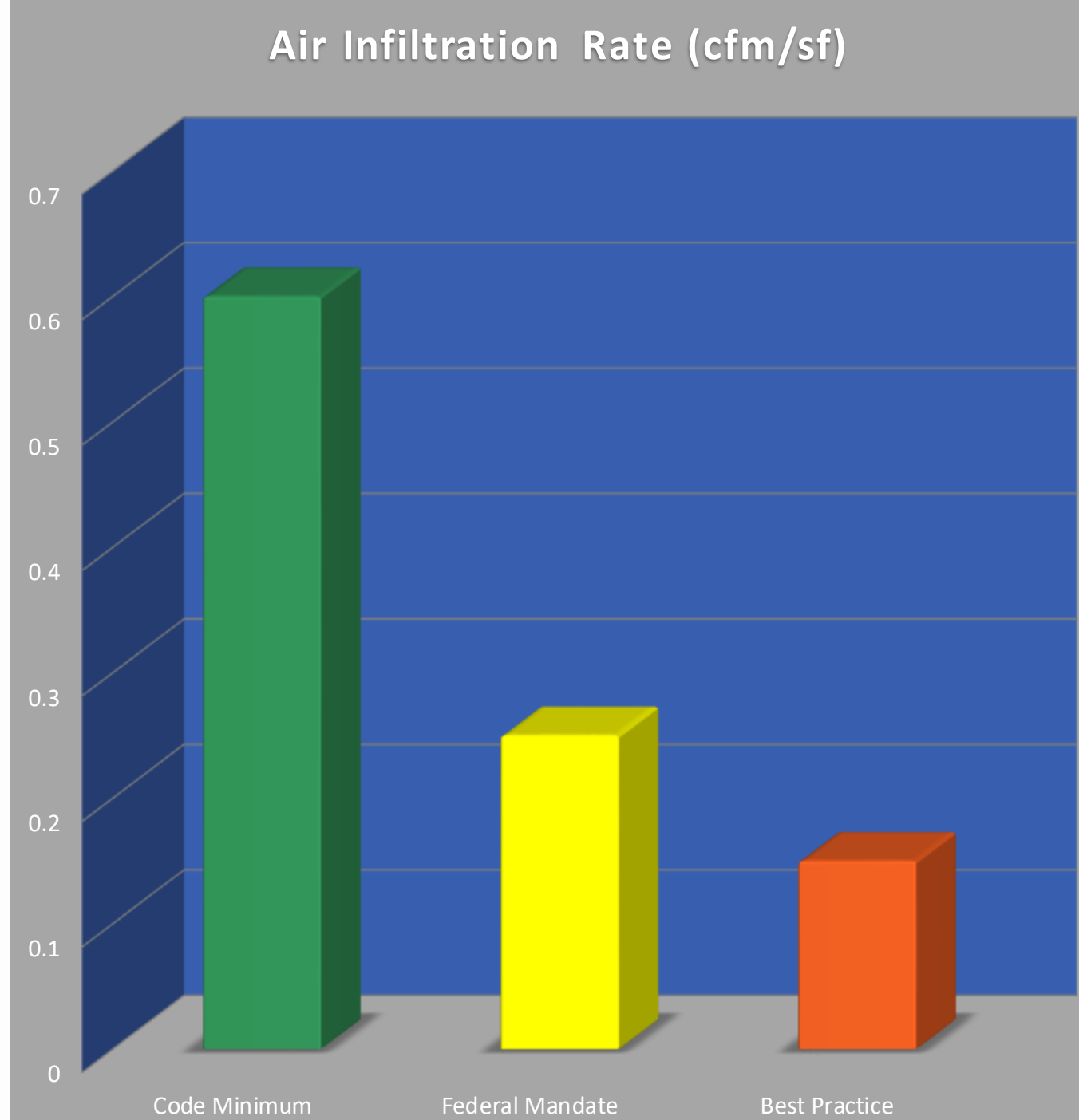


Corner office above ceiling, room 3011



# Pressure Testing

- Air Infiltration
  - Code Minimum
  - Federal Mandate
  - Industry Standard
- Testing Standards
  - ASTM E779
  - ASTM E1827





# QA/QC is everyone's job but it starts at the sub contractor level

## Summary of Envelope Assembly

| Step # | Tilt Panel Joint Assembly  | SIGN OFF |    |
|--------|--|----------|----|
|        |  | TC       | GC |
|        | <b>BEGINNING AT EXTERIOR SIDE OF THE JOINT</b>                         |          |    |
| 1      | Scrape Joint Clean.  |          |    |
| 2      | Install backer rod from the exterior 3" deep into the joint.           |          |    |
| 3      | Install the SikaFlex following the backer rod 3/4" depth in the joint. |          |    |
| 4      | Install the LDF with a 2" depth in the joint.                          |          |    |
| 5      | Install another back rod on the exterior.                              |          |    |
| 6      | Install the Sikaflex.  |          |    |
|        | <b>ON THE INTERIOR SIDE OF THE JOINT</b>                               |          |    |
| 7      | Install LDF along the backer rod.                                      |          |    |
| 8      | Let LDF cure and expand.   |          |    |
| 9      | Trim the LDF flush with the face of the tilt panel.                    |          |    |
| 10     | Prime tilt panel and LDF at the joint.                                 |          |    |
| 11     | Apply Blueskin at the joint covering LDF and primer.                   |          |    |
| 12     | Roll and compress Blueskin with weighted roller                        |          |    |
| 13     | Seal edges of the tape on the tilt panel with Butyl Sealant.           |          |    |





TESTING



AND MORE TESTING

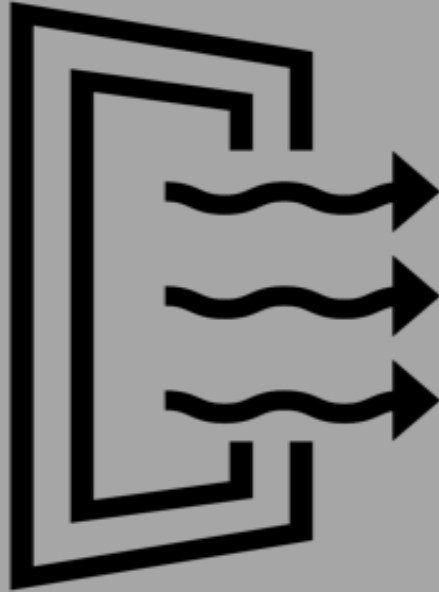








WHOLE BUILDING AIR LEAKAGE  
AREA OF ENVELOPE: 73,286 SF



**10,993 CFM**

.15 cfm (at 75 Pascals)

REQUIRED RATE

Equivalent to a  
27.5 ton chiller  
blowing cold air into  
the parking lot –  
that's 45 tons less  
than code!



WHOLE BUILDING AIR LEAKAGE  
AREA OF ENVELOPE: 73,286 SF



**1,970 CFM**

.027 cfm (at 75 Pascals)

TESTED RATE

82% better  
than required!  
That's 68 tons of  
cold air loss less  
than code!





# SHOULD DO



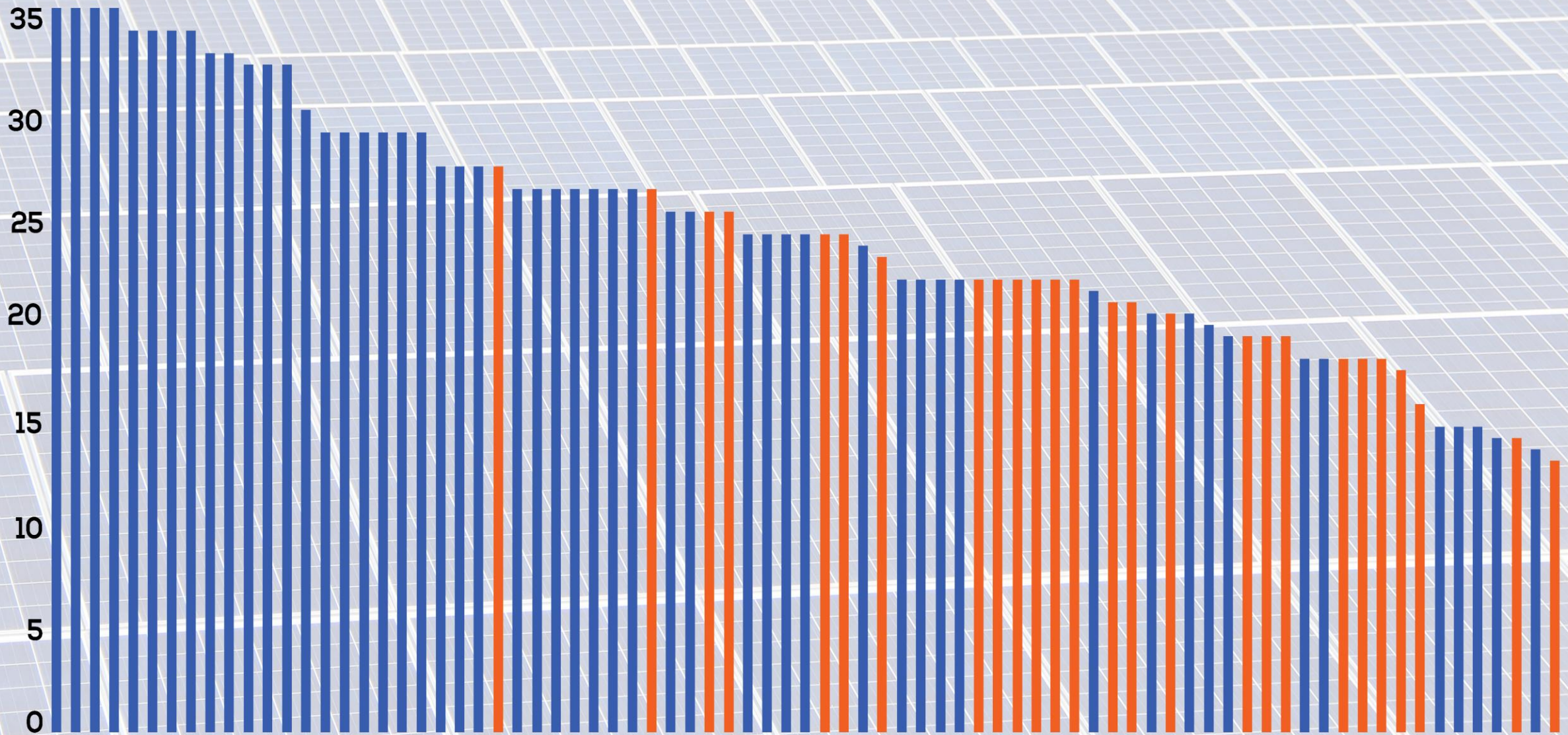
# **Cost Shifting:**

## **Total cost of building reduced while reducing energy.**

- Building Envelope/Right sizing HVAC system
- Simplified Lighting Controls
- Lighting Design Impact
- Reduced Electrical Service Size
- Glazing Choices



# CMTA Zero Energy Capable Projects







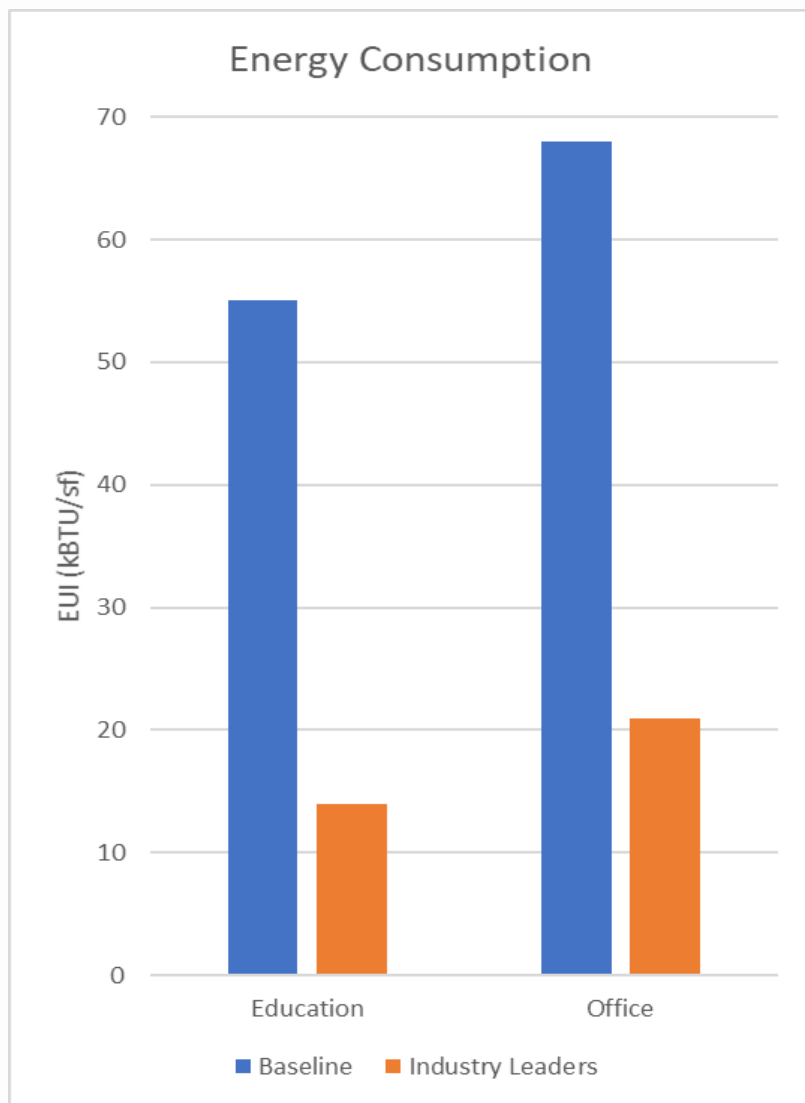


# Lighting

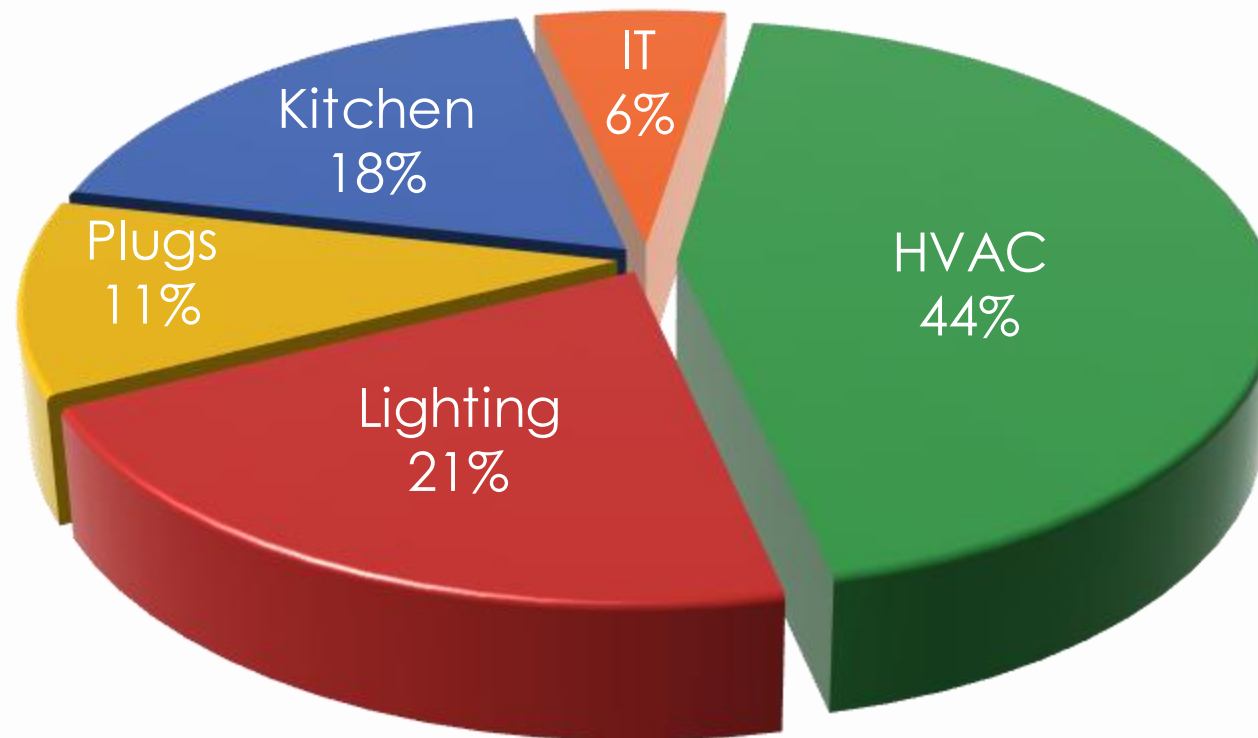
- Connected watts/sq.ft. to below .4 watts/sq.ft.
- Correct Lighting Levels for the space
- Vacancy Controls
- Daylighting
- Keep it Simple



# Energy Targets



## High Perf Energy Targets





# Kitchen

- 18% of energy in typical school was consumed by kitchen
- Few energy reductions made in past projects
- Need to change paradigm



**COULD DO**



# SUSTAINABILITY



TODAY'S HIGH  
**287**  
kW

TODAY'S LOW  
**-93**  
kW

LIVE NET POWER



TODAY'S HIGH  
**111**  
kW

TODAY'S LOW  
**0**  
kW

LIVE POWER CONSUMPTION



TODAY'S HIGH  
**373**  
kW

TODAY'S LOW  
**0**  
kW

LIVE POWER PRODUCTION

REAL-TIME BUILDING  
ENERGY USAGE

ENERGY EFFICIENCY  
EDUCATION

INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS

- CMTA SPHERE -



# Virtual Reality





# Virtual Reality

Outside  
84°

Wednesday May,  
1:42pm

WINDOW  
TO THE  
PAST

Button pulls  
up a  
description  
of solar  
panel  
technology

**Solar energy can be used to produce electricity.** Photovoltaic comes from the words photo meaning light and volt, a measure of electricity. Solar panels are made of silicon, the same substance that makes up sand. Electricity is produced when sunlight strikes the solar cell, causing electrons to move around. The action of the electrons starts an electric current. **The conversion of sunlight into electricity takes place silently and instantly. There are no mechanical parts to wear out.**

POWER DEMAND  
**135 kW**  
TODAY'S HIGH 167 kW  
TODAY'S LOW 29.1 kW

VR DATA

CMTA  
Energy Solutions



# Solar Lab





# WELL / Healthy Building

## COST PER STUDENT STATION

Florida Public Schools



Elementary School

**\$22,760**

/ STUDENT STATION



Middle School

**\$24,578**

/ STUDENT STATION



High School

**\$31,925**

/ STUDENT STATION

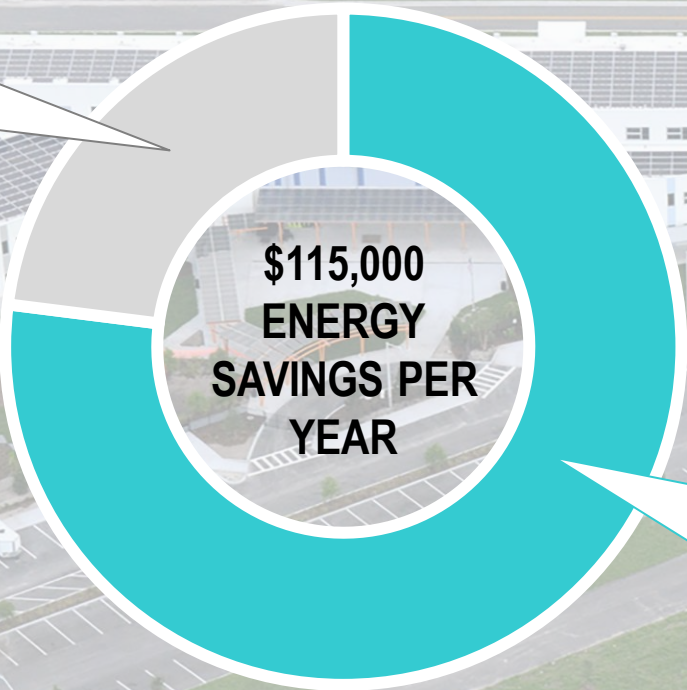




Prohibits a school board from spending funds from any source on new educational plant construction, including change orders, that exceeded the statutory cost per student station.



**23%**  
Solar Panel



**\$115,000  
ENERGY  
SAVINGS PER  
YEAR**

Less than ¼ of  
those savings are  
from solar panel  
production

**77%**  
High-  
performance



# Three steps to fund ZE once energy has been reduced:

- 1. Purchase and own your PV Panels via reducing energy usage and cost shifting.**
- 2. Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract (GESG or ESCO)**
- 3. Power Purchase Agreements (PPA)**

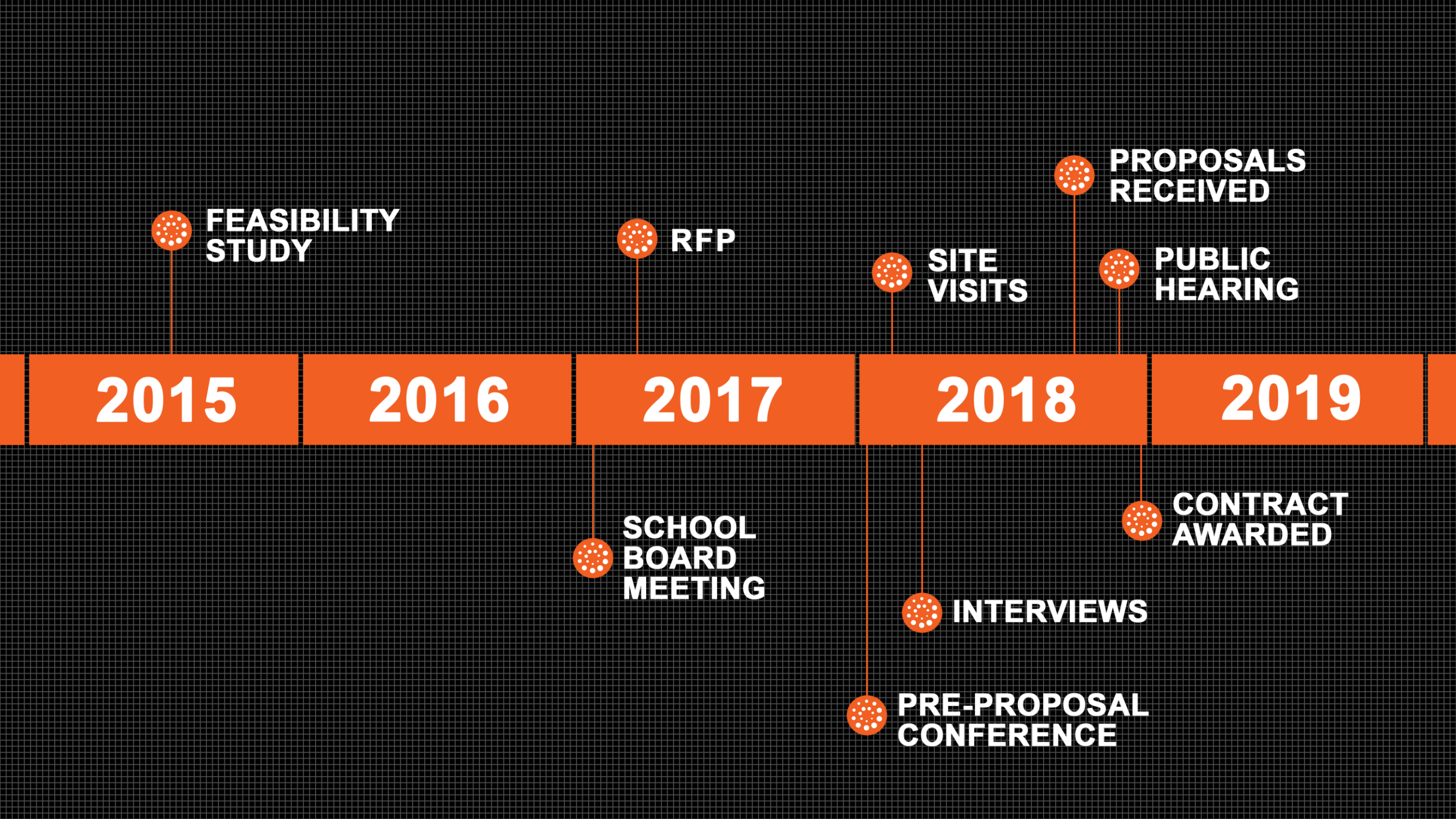


# FLEET SOLAR PPA



- Leverages available tax incentives
- Aligns with zero energy school design
- Hedge against rising electricity costs
- Provide authentic teaching and learning opportunities
- Support Arlington County's Community Energy Plan





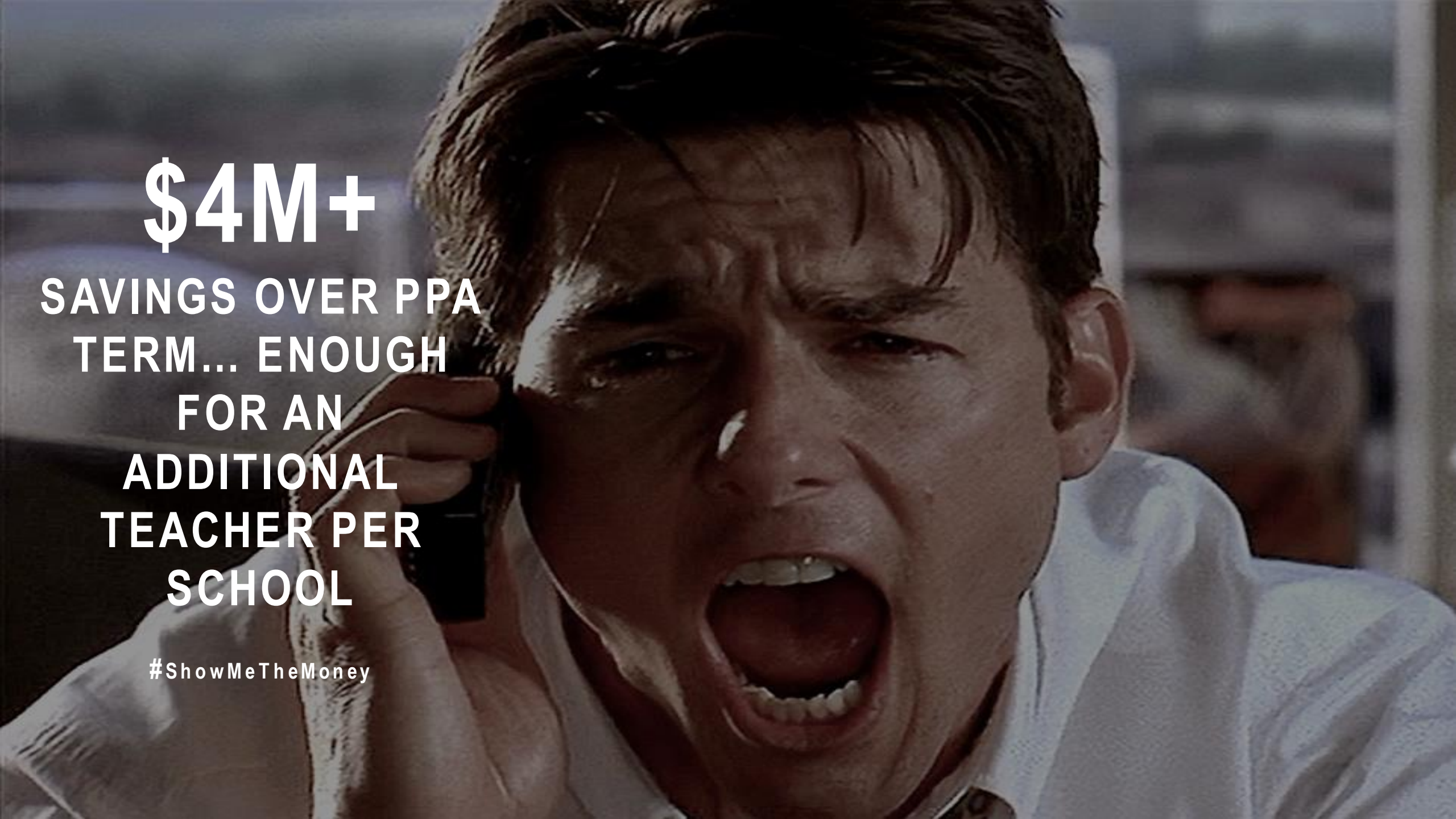
# FLEET SOLAR PPA



- 25-Year Contract Term
- ~15% Discount
- 5 Schools Total
- 2.5MW Capacity
- Option to Buy at Year 7

| School Site  | System Size<br>(kW <sub>DC</sub> ) | PV Array<br>Production<br>(kWh) |
|--------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Fleet ES     | 574.9                              | 748,900                         |
| Jefferson MS | 382.0                              | 525,400                         |
| Kenmore MS   | 533.2                              | 742,000                         |
| Tuckahoe ES  | 22.0                               | 29,700                          |
| WLHS         | 1000.0                             | 1,363,000                       |



A close-up, high-contrast photograph of Tom Cruise. He is holding a black mobile phone to his ear with his right hand and has a look of intense anger or frustration on his face, with his mouth wide open as if shouting. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be an outdoor setting with some structures.

**\$4M+**  
**SAVINGS OVER PPA**  
**TERM... ENOUGH**  
**FOR AN**  
**ADDITIONAL**  
**TEACHER PER**  
**SCHOOL**

**#ShowMeTheMoney**

# LIFECYCLE COSTS



**\$115K**

SAVED PER YEAR  
ON ENERGY COSTS

**\$3.2M**

SAVED OVER 20 YRS ON ENERGY  
& MAINTENANCE COSTS



44,560 SF

**500**  
STUDENTS

(CAPACITY IS 525)

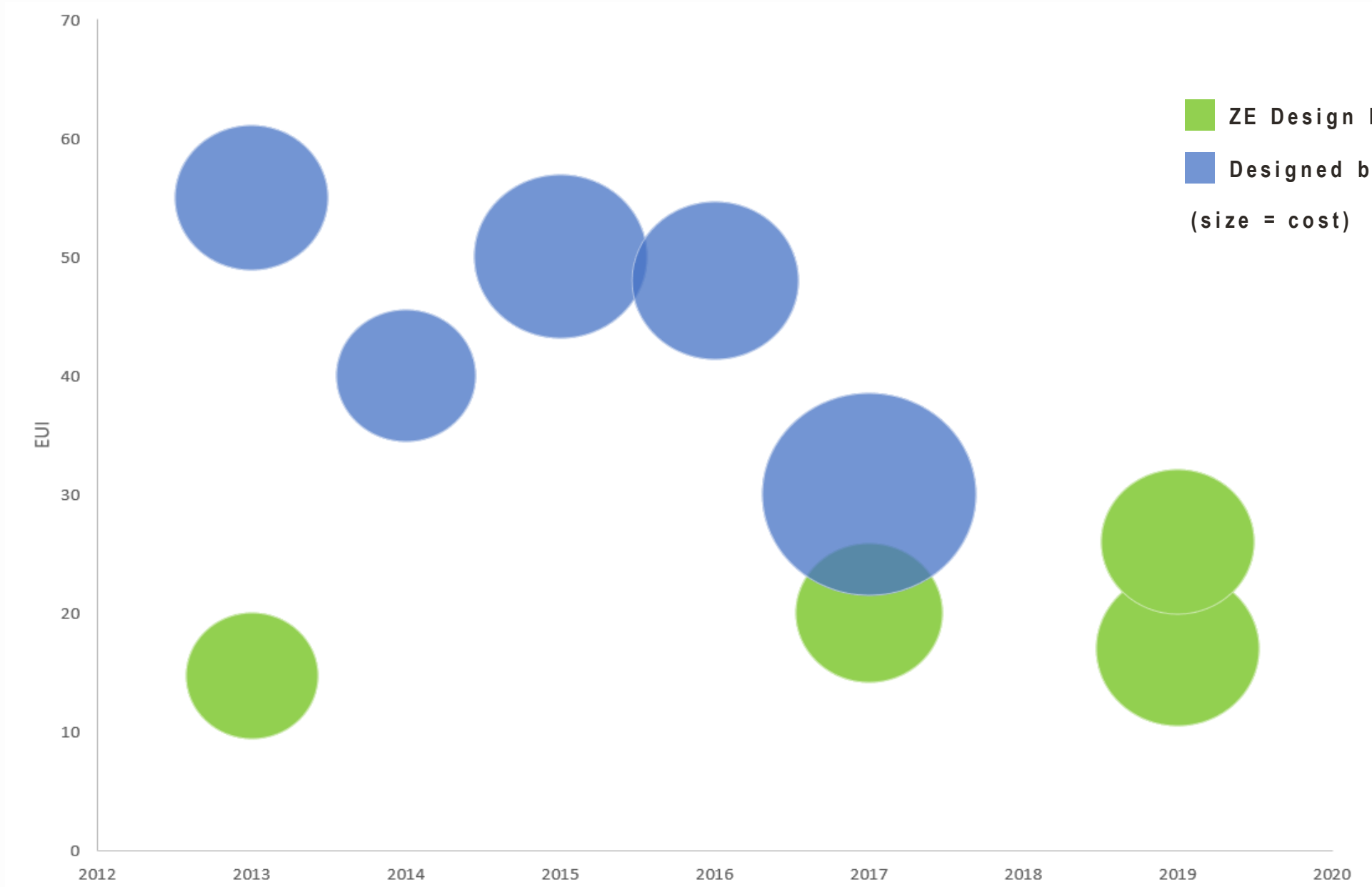


WITHIN COST  
PER STUDENT  
STATION &  
SREF





# Arlington Public Schools – Construction Cost per Student & EUI



# What's Next?

Carbon Neutral







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ENERGY EFFICIENCY & RENEWABLE ENERGY

# Monitoring and Verification

## Engaging Students in Getting to Zero at Schools

Bill Kelly

October 9, 2019

# Agenda

- Introduction to BE101
- About the Pilot with Porterville USD
- Program Elements
- Support Provided to Schools
- Q&A



*Preparing students for college & career,  
high-demand and high-paying jobs*



# Bright Energy 101 (BE101)

*a Public Benefit Corporation founded in 2018*



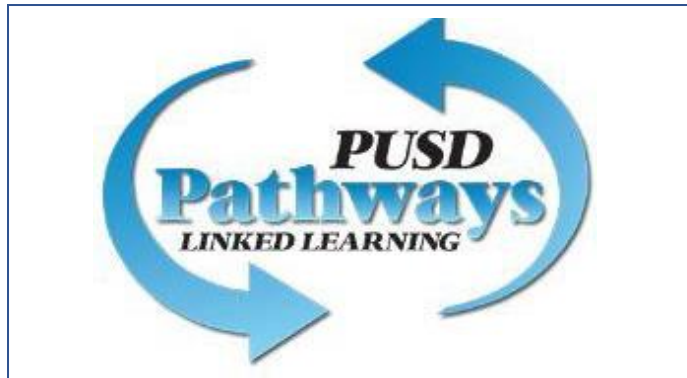
*.... to create and drive paths toward a clean energy economy, and provide exciting opportunities for youth to shape those paths.*



Founders of Bright Energy 101

# Porterville Unified School District

A Strong Foundation & History:  
Innovating in **STEM Education & Clean Energy**

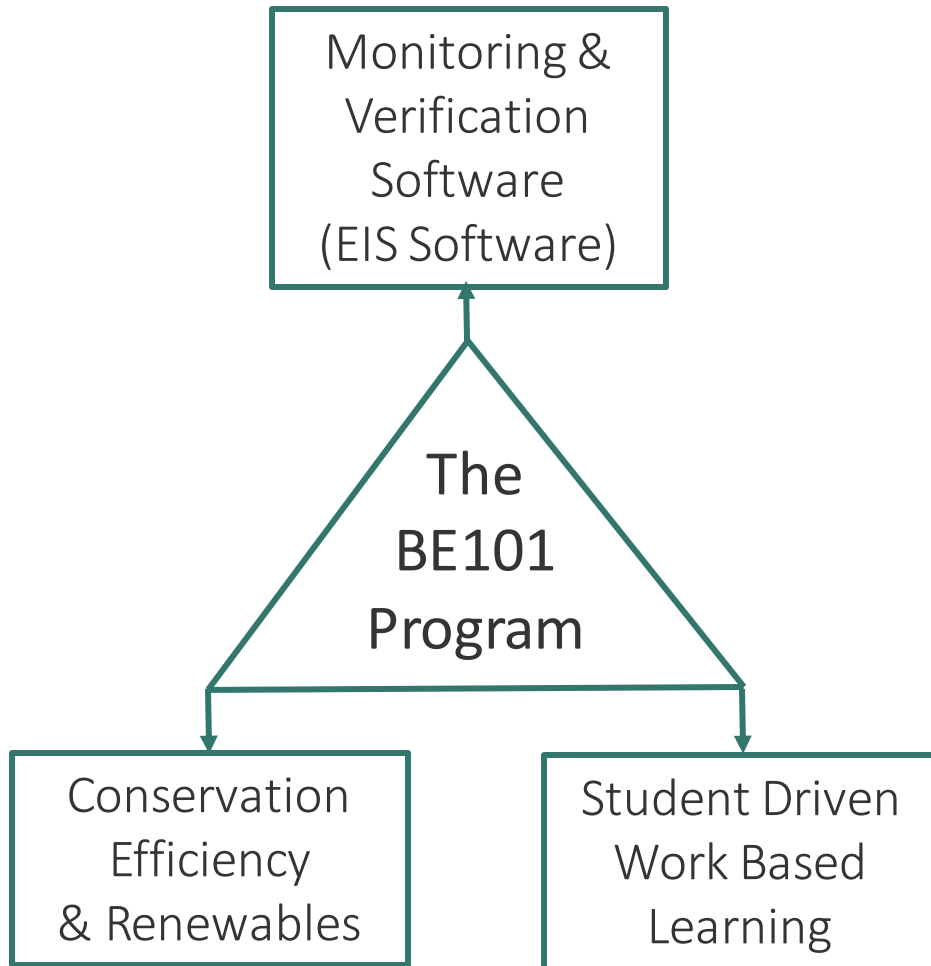




# Bright Energy 101 Program Elements



**BRIGHT ENERGY 101™**  
ENERGY EFFICIENCY & RENEWABLE ENERGY



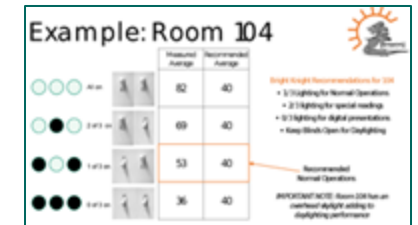
**Audit & Data Collection**



**Interviews**



**Research**



**Analysis / Recommendation**



**Presentations**



**Celebrating Accomplishments**

# Student Driven: Interviews, Audit & Energy Model



- Learn of progress to date on efficiency & renewable energy
- Get recommendations on potential opportunities
  - Conservation
  - Efficiency
  - Electrification
  - Renewables
- Insights and advice to shape the students' approach



# Student Driven: Audit and Observe



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- Lighting
- Plug Loads
- Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC)
- Energy Management System (EMS)

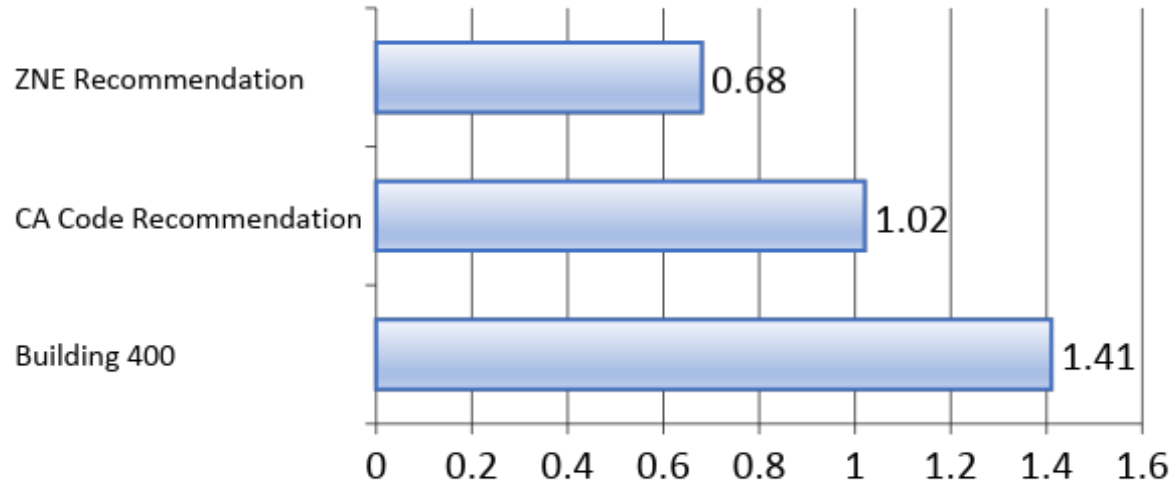


# Student Driven: Building Energy Model (sample)

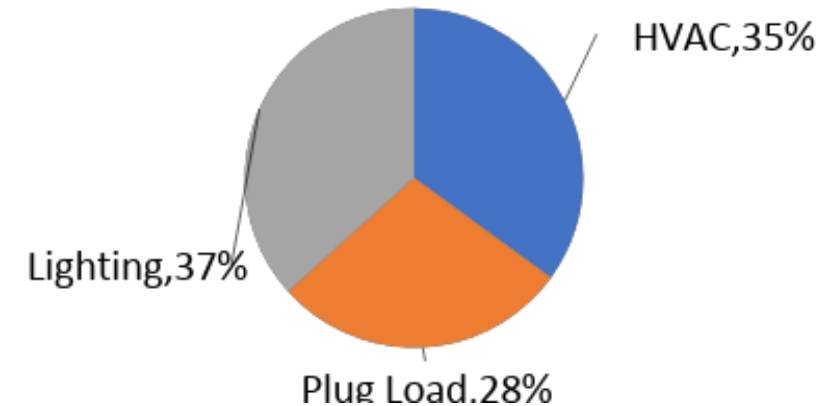
|                         |                 |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Current EUI</b>      | <b>36</b>       |
| <b>Target EUI</b>       | <b>19</b>       |
| <b>ZNE Cost Savings</b> | <b>\$14,400</b> |

|                      |      |
|----------------------|------|
| % of PHS sq.ft.      | 7.2% |
| % of electricity use | 6.5% |

**Building 400 Lighting Power Density**  
( watts / sq. ft. )

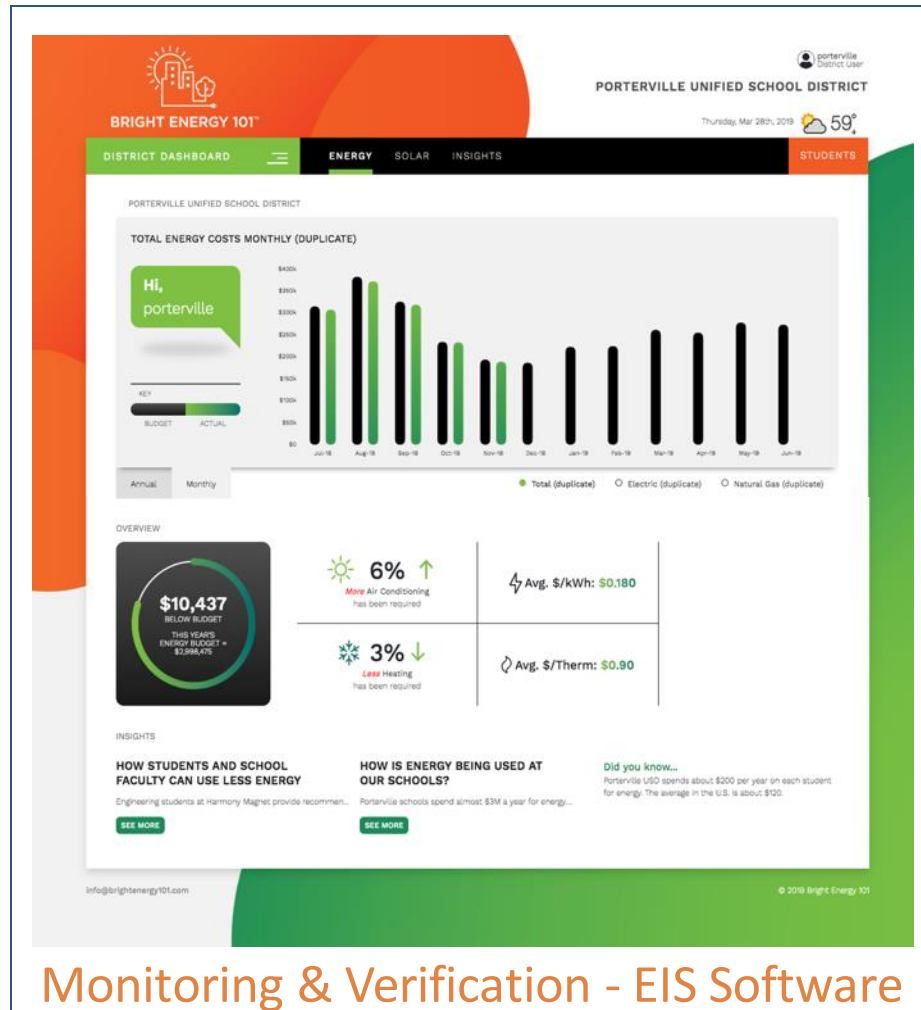


**Distribution of Total Electricity by End Use in Building 400**






# Students working to support each school reach ZE .....



## Monitoring & Verification - EIS Software



**HM A Teacher Presentation**

**Conservation Competition**

**Bright Knights Recommendations**

LIGHTING

- Consider 1/3 or 2/3 Lighting with DAYLIGHT for normal class operation
- Invite a Bright Knight to your class for a Technical Consultation
  - Should only take about 5 minutes
  - Don't worry, our weapon is our brain – not a sword!
  - It will be fun!!

PLUG LOADS

Consider switching off power strips, printers and computers each night – those vampire loads need to be taught a lesson

## Plan for Each School

and .....

Announcing . . .  
**Panda Dollars  
for Porterville**

The PUSD Conservation  
Competition to reduce  
energy usage by 8% and  
save \$240,000!



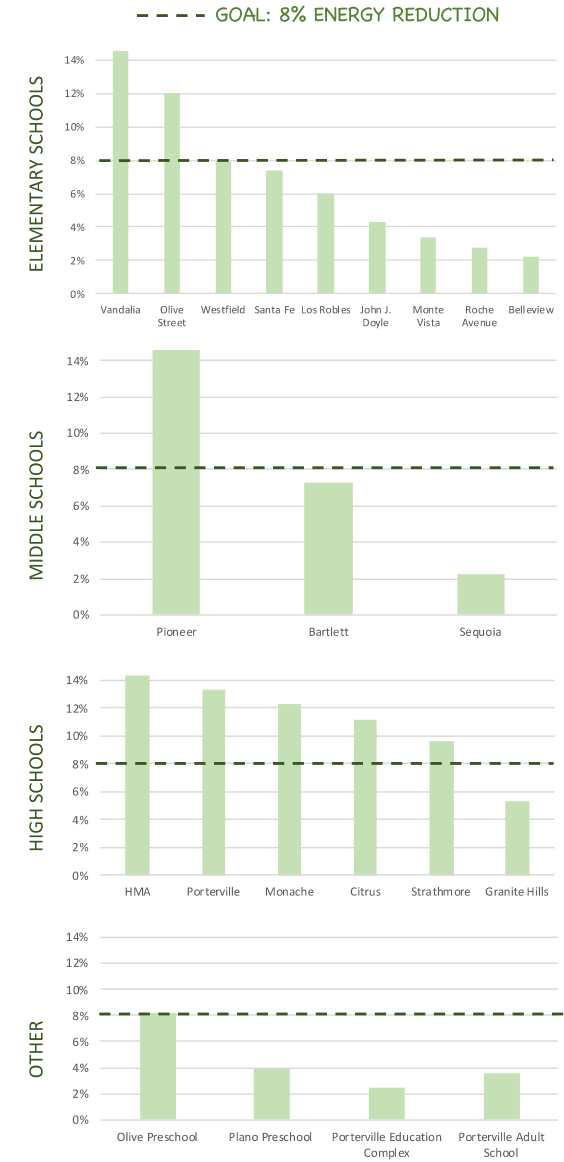
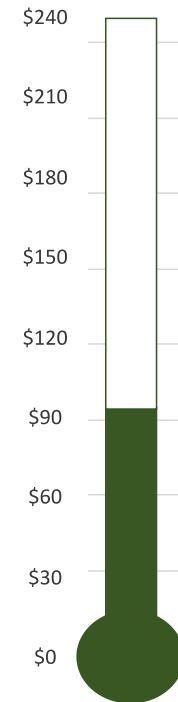
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## Panda Dollars for Porterville

### Leader Board (SAMPLE)

Q1 2019 RESULTS

DISTRICTWIDE SAVINGS  
(thousands)





# Introducing three of the interns, the Bright Knights .....





Q&A





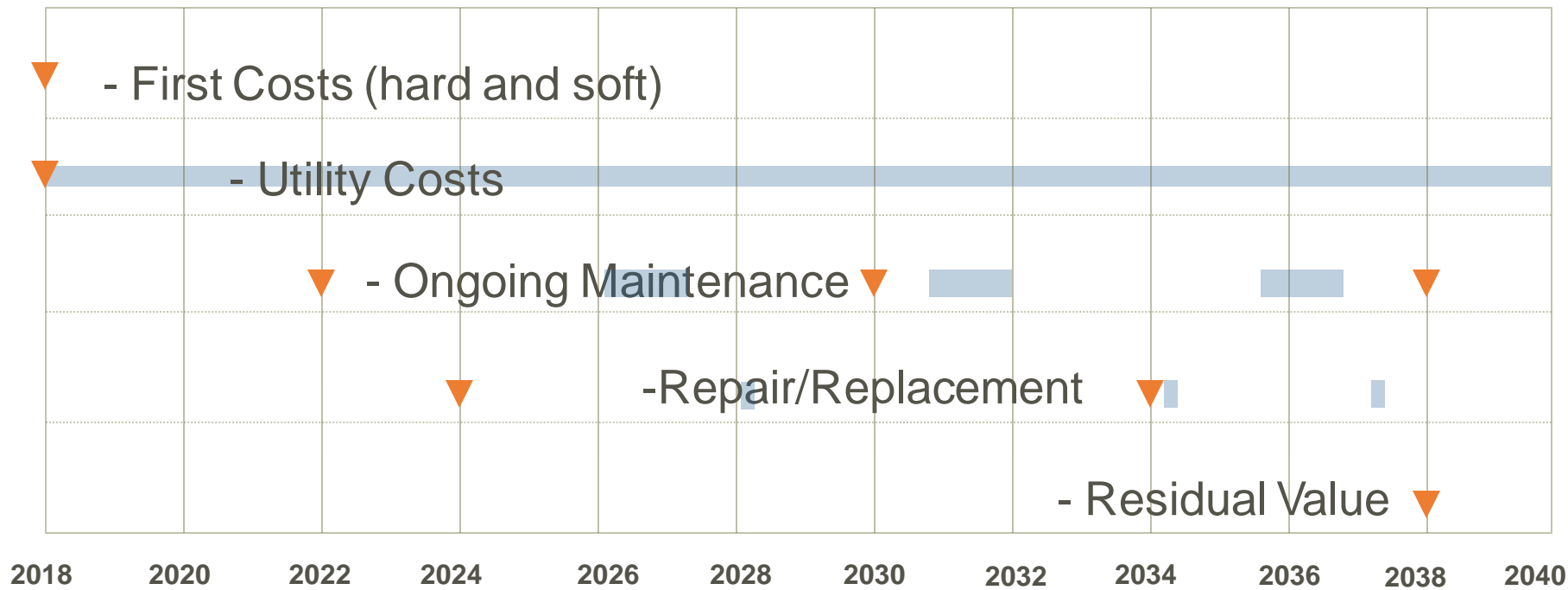
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# Cost of Getting to Zero

# Life Cycle Cost Analysis

- What is the real cost of a building?

Life Cycle Cost = Net Present Value of:





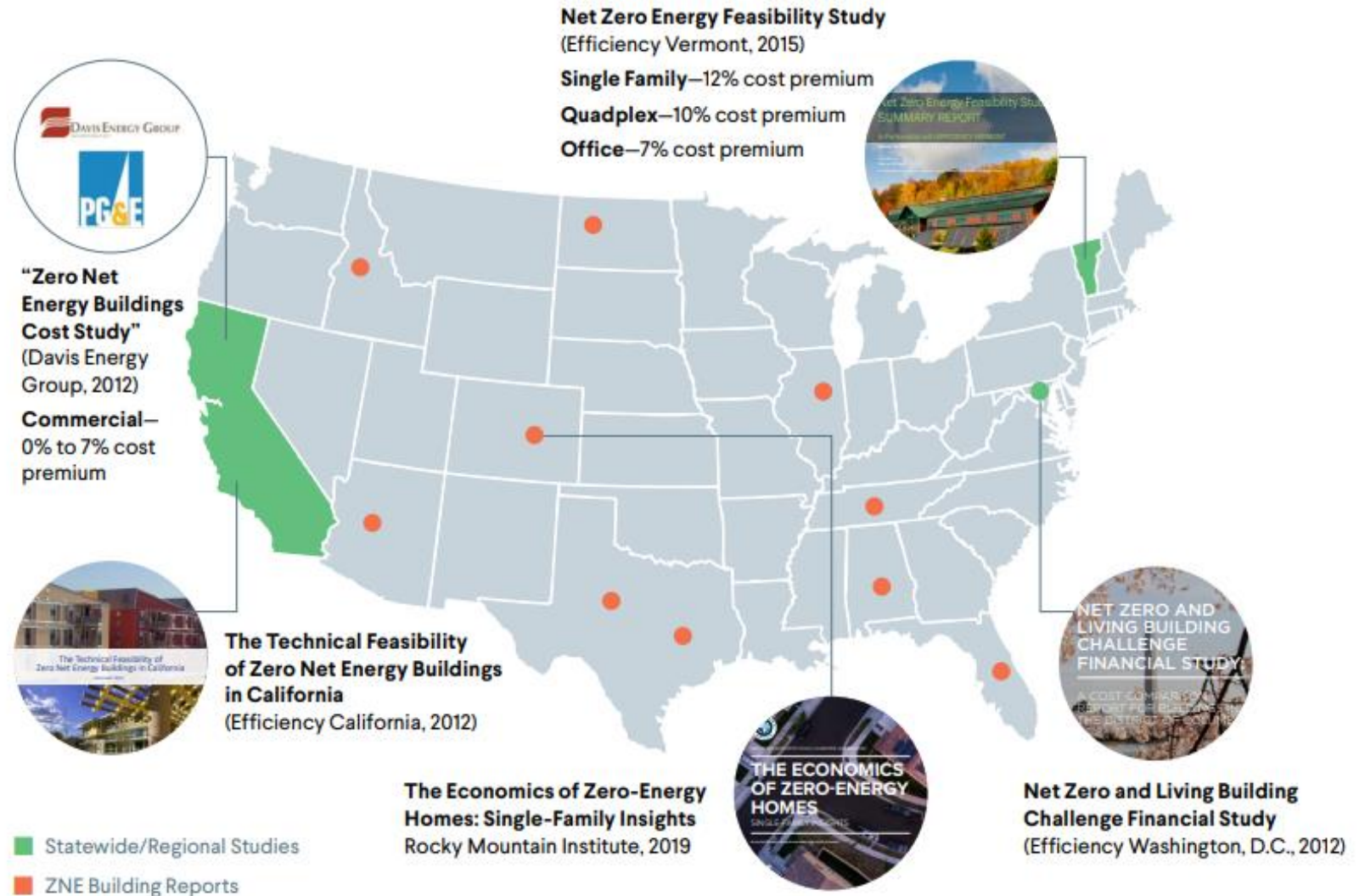
# Cost of Zero Studies

- California Technical Feasibility
- District of Columbia
- Efficiency Vermont
- PG&E Case Studies, Volumes 1-3
- Rocky Mountain Institute
- USGBC Massachusetts

FIGURE 3

## ZE Studies in the US

Multiple studies have been conducted around the country on the upfront cost premium of ZE buildings.



# Change the Conversation

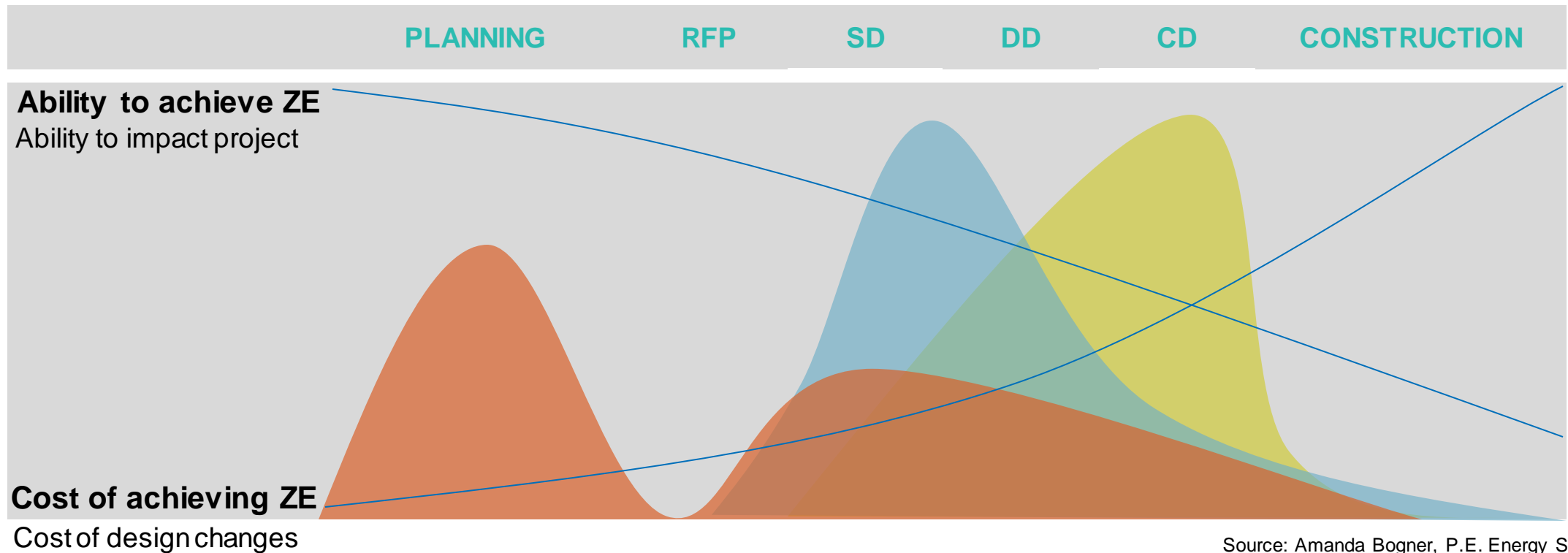
*“The prevailing industry perception is that zero energy is cost prohibitive and suitable only for showcase projects with atypical, large budgets; however, **there is mounting evidence that zero energy can, in many cases, be achieved within typical construction budgets.**”*





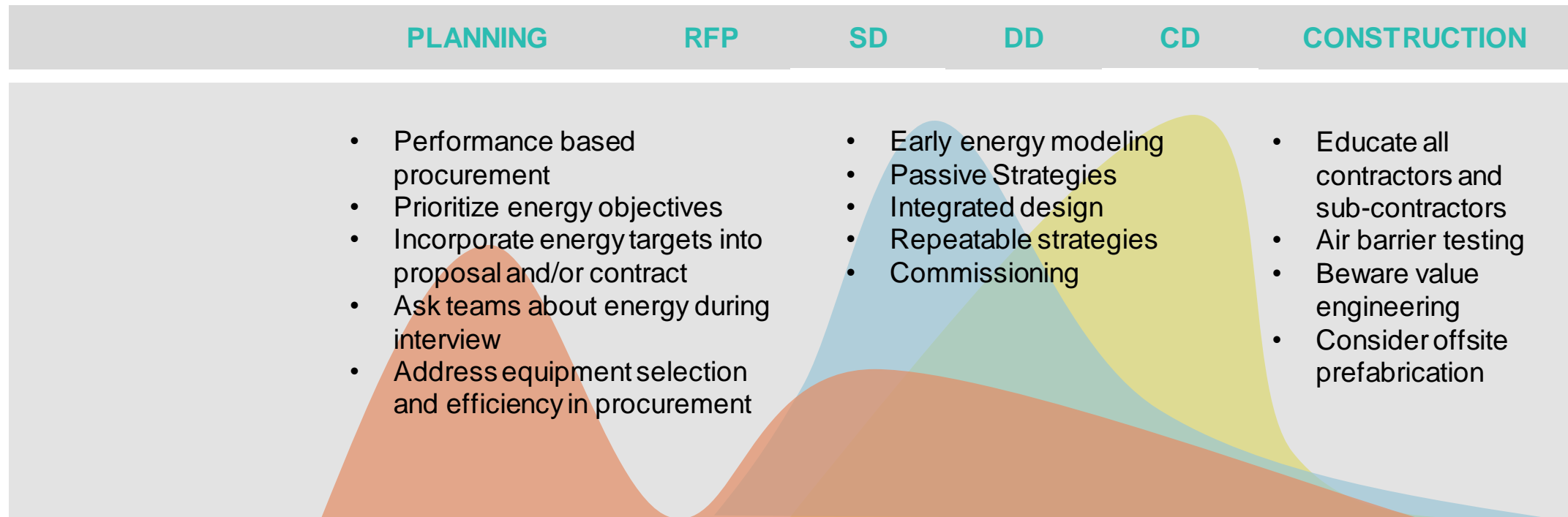
# Manage Costs

## MacLeamy Curve



# Manage Costs

## MacLeamy Curve

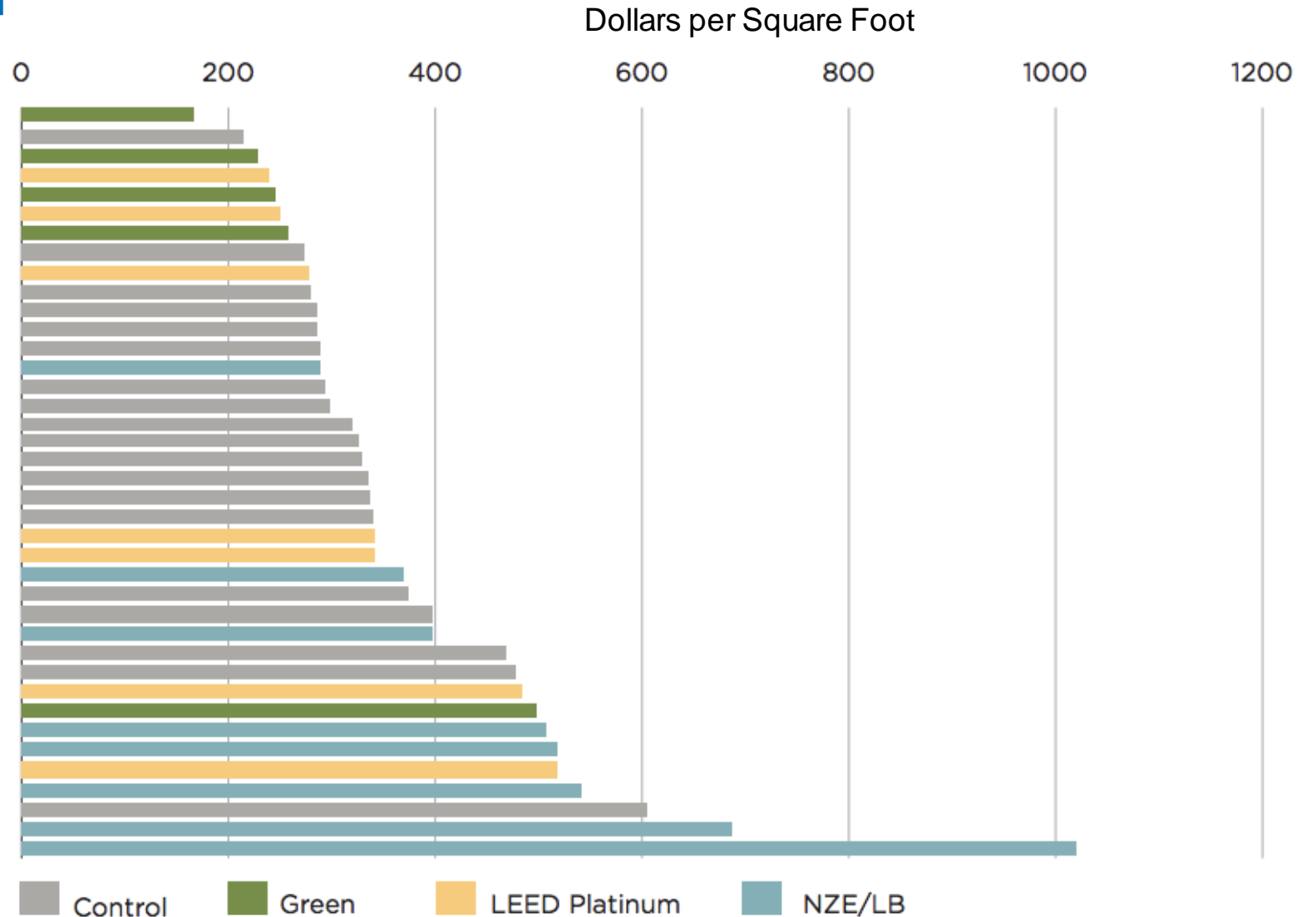


Source: Amanda Bogner, P.E. Energy Studio



# Power of Zero: Optimizing Value For Next Generation Green

- Cost for “next generation green” projects are approaching those of conventional buildings
- Values and determination are a key differentiator



# From Zero Energy to Zero Carbon

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***Think Globally***



Photo: NASA

***Act Locally***

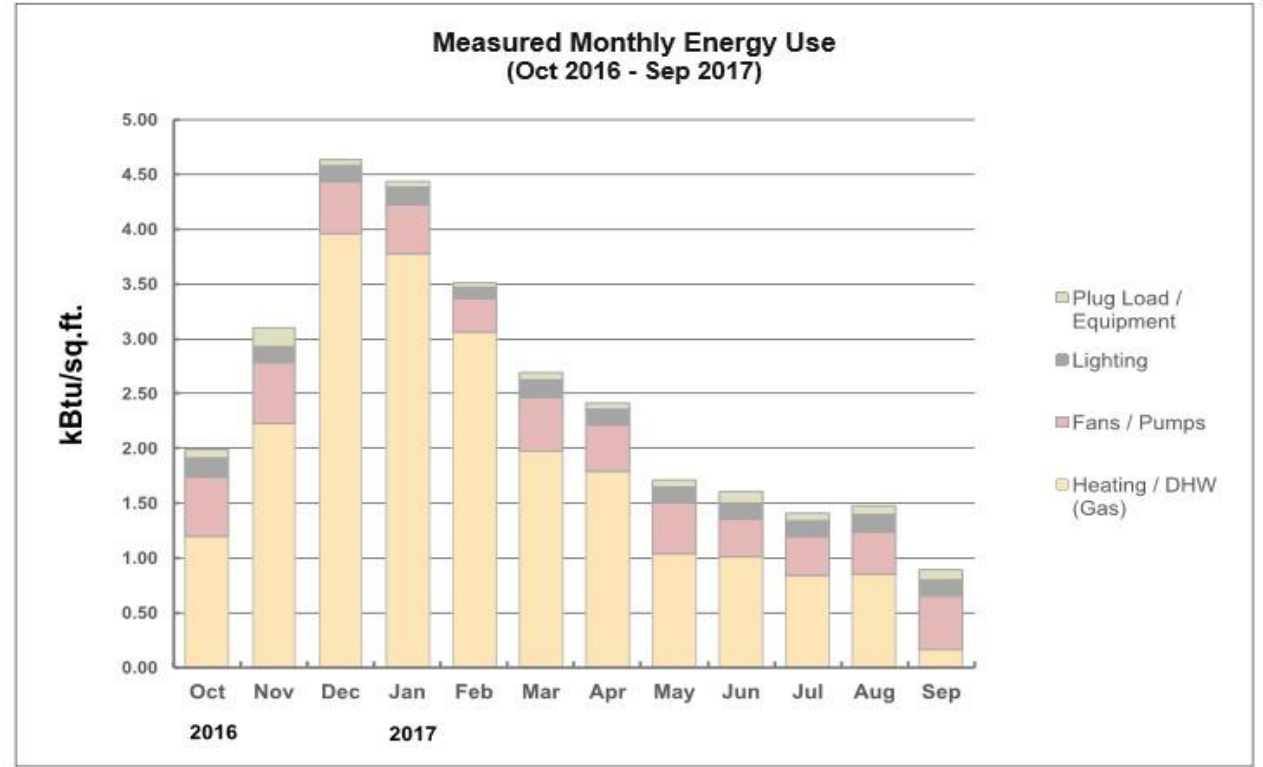
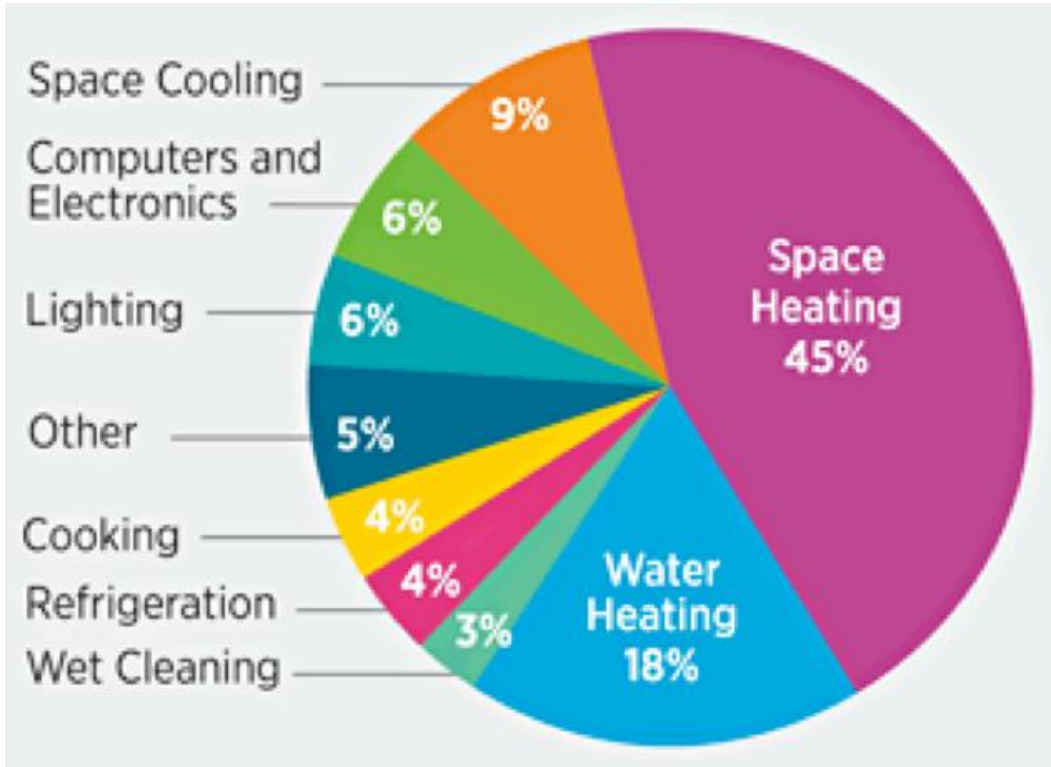
Bishop O Dowd High School | Oakland, CA  
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# Pop Quiz



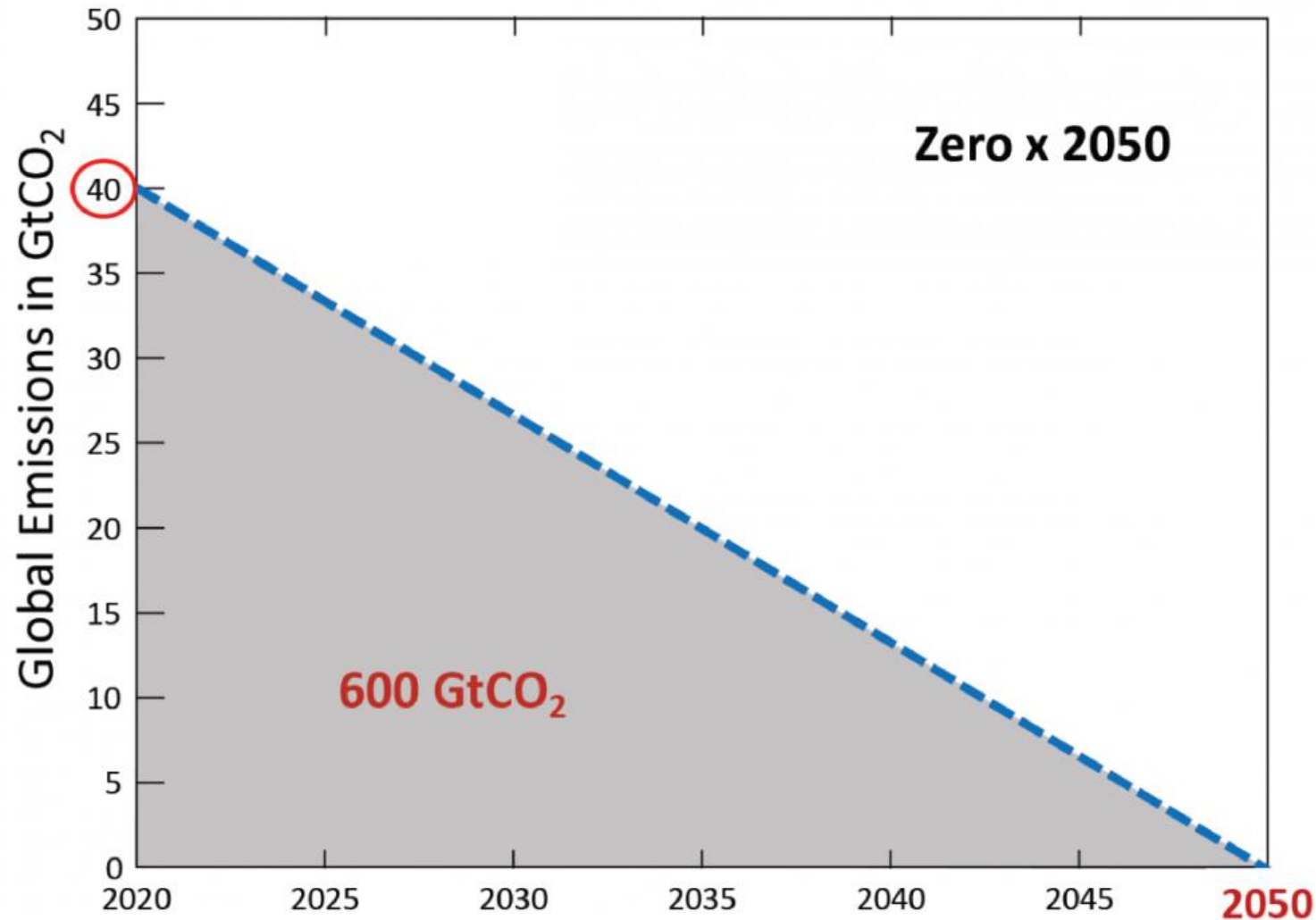






# Long Term Goal of Zero by 2050 exceeds 500 GtCO<sub>2</sub>

Global  
Zero  
Carbon  
Goal



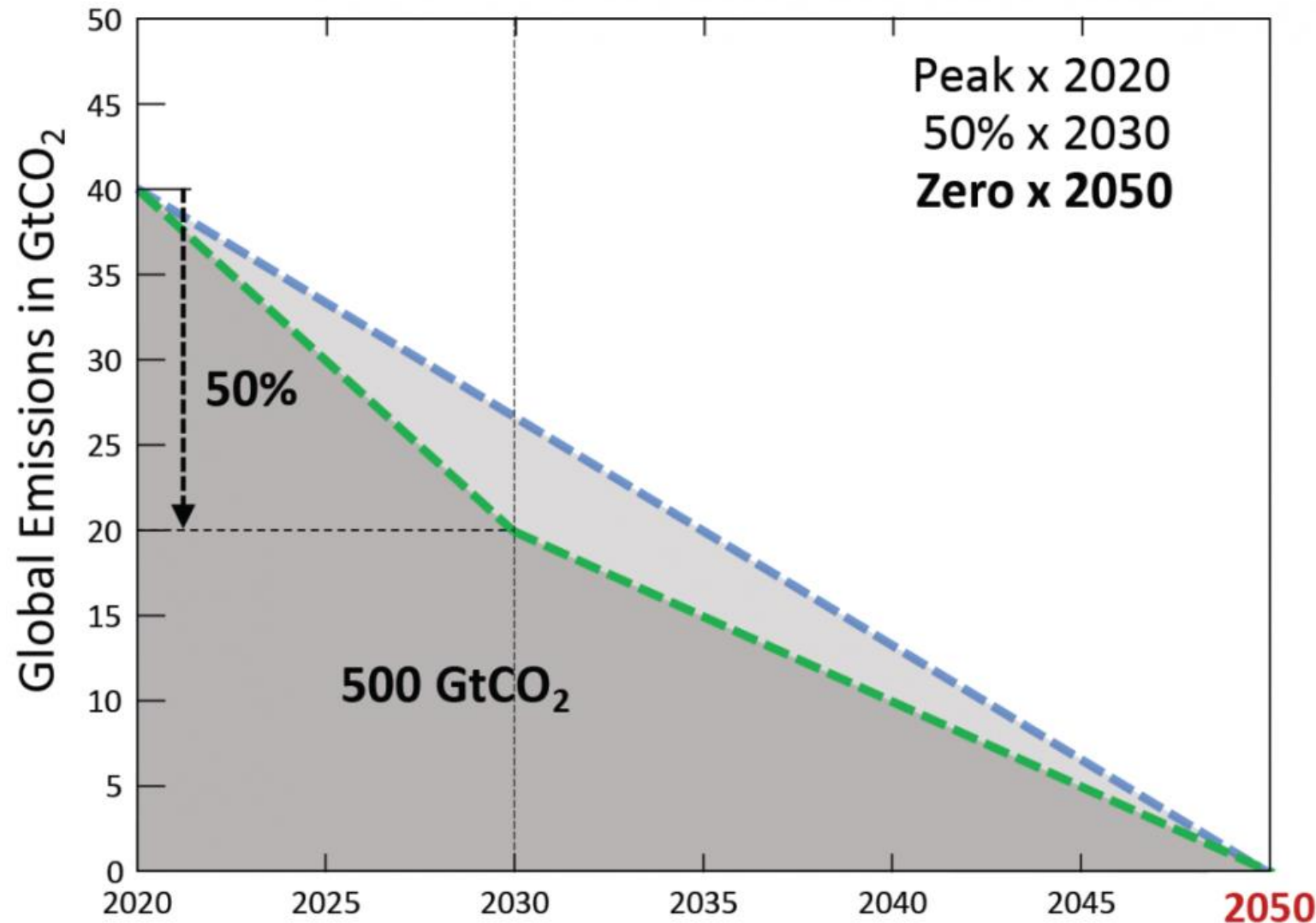
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# 50% emissions reduction by 2030 < 500 GtCO<sub>2</sub>

Path to  
Global  
Zero  
Carbon  
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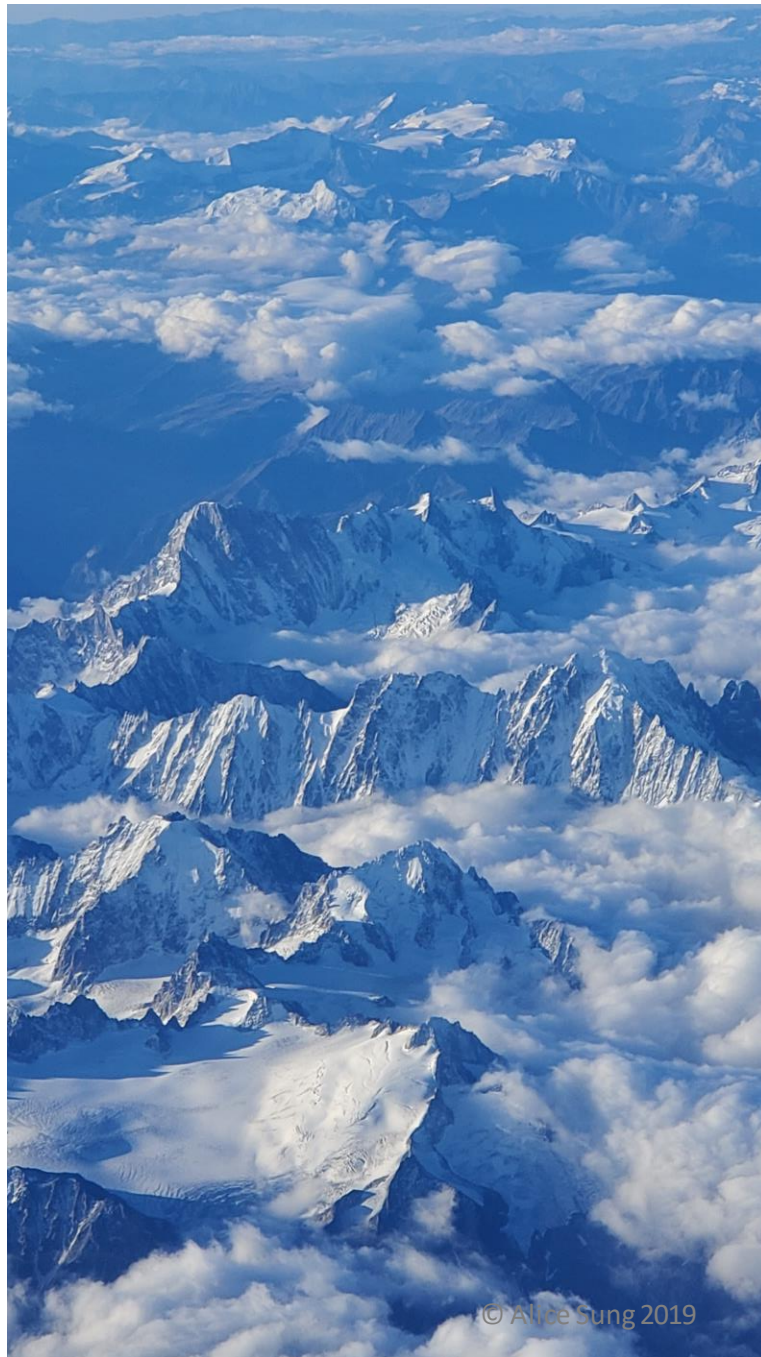


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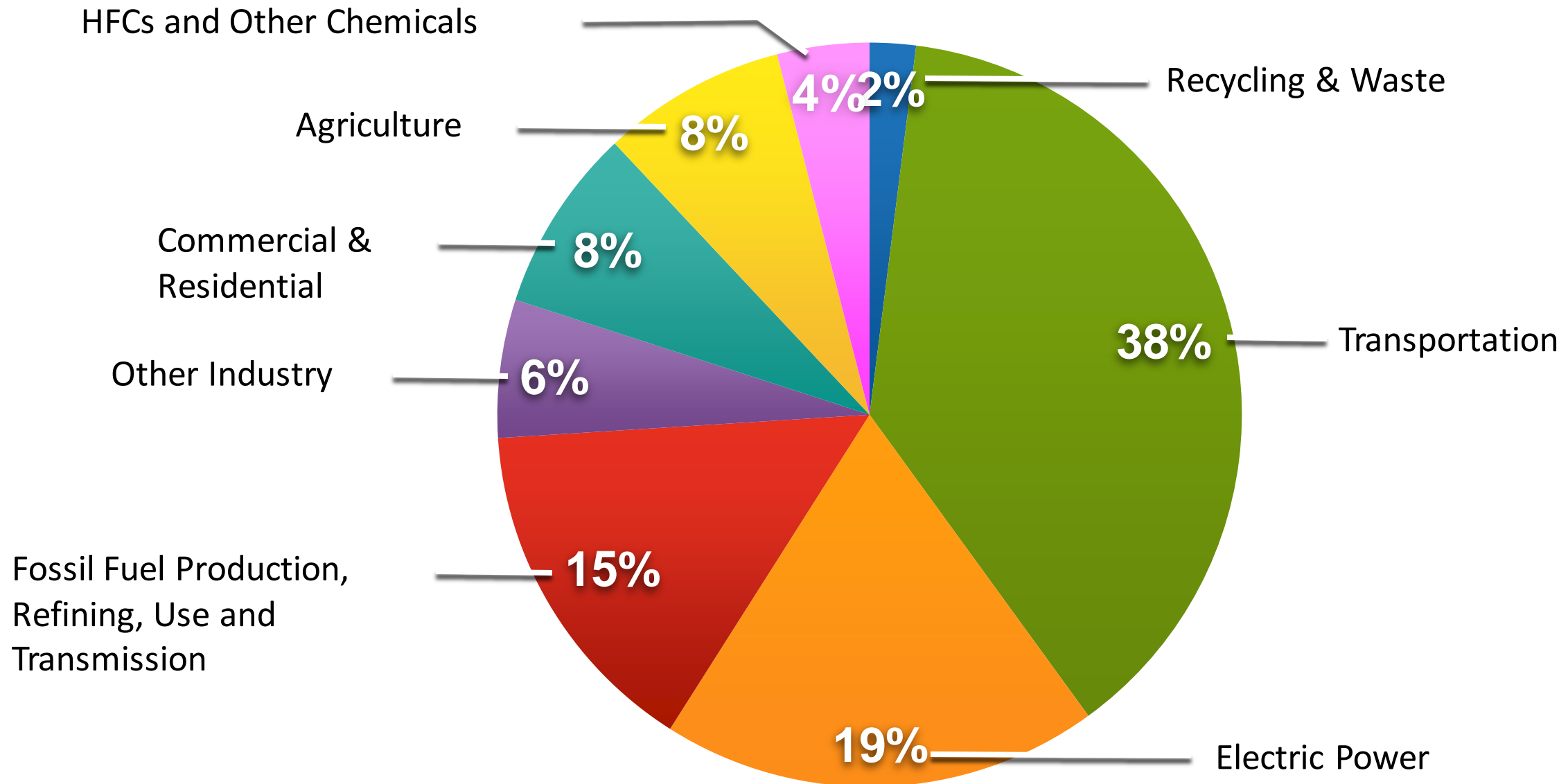


Global to  
National



National to  
State

# California State GHG Emissions by Sector- 0 by 2045



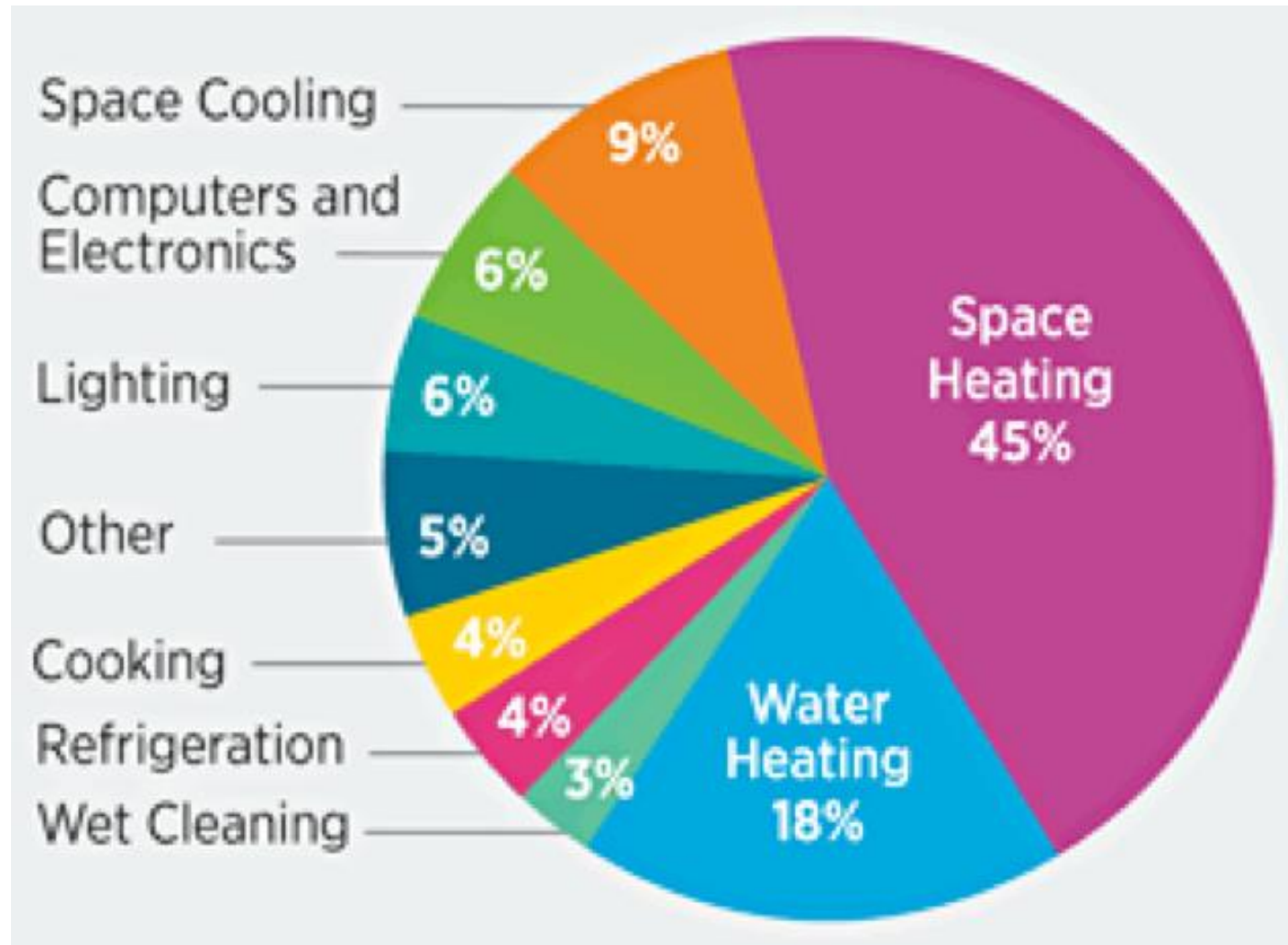
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District



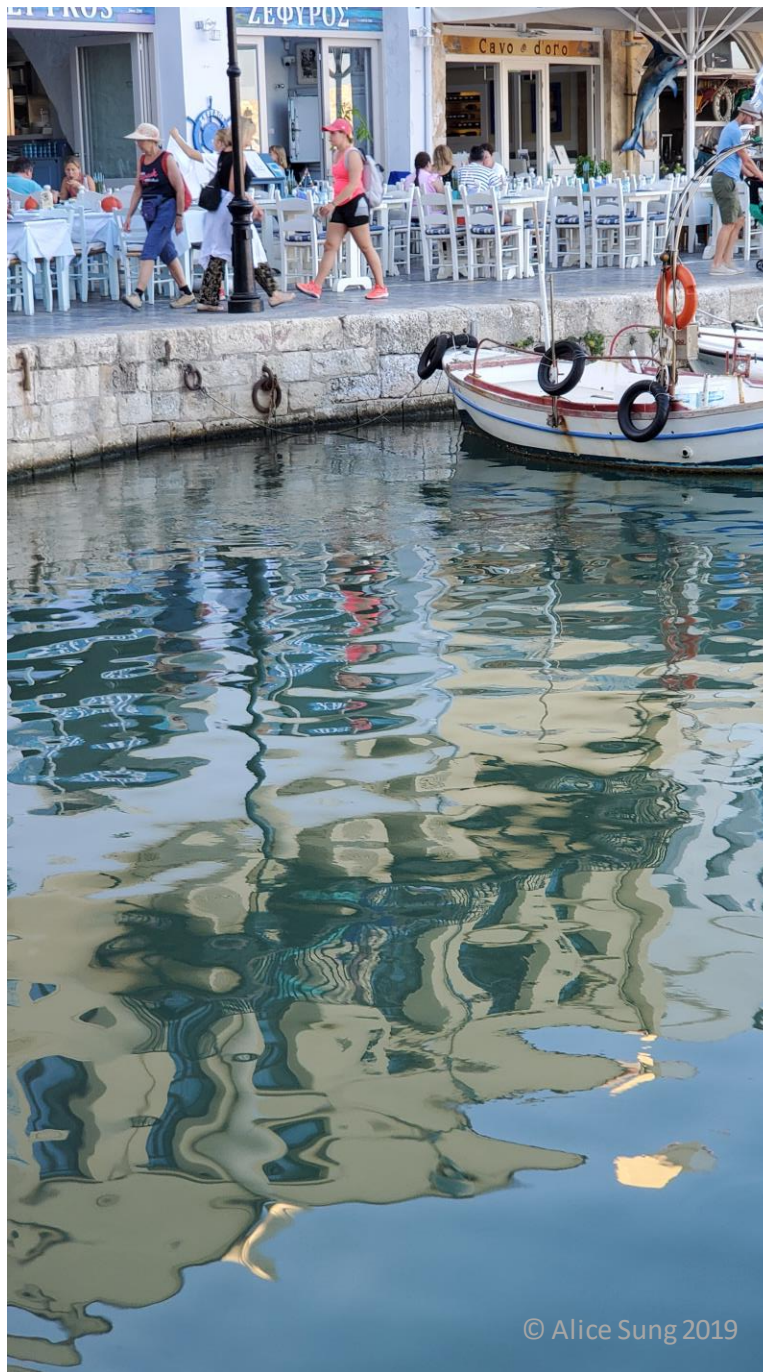
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# What does Zero Carbon mean for my K-14 school facilities?



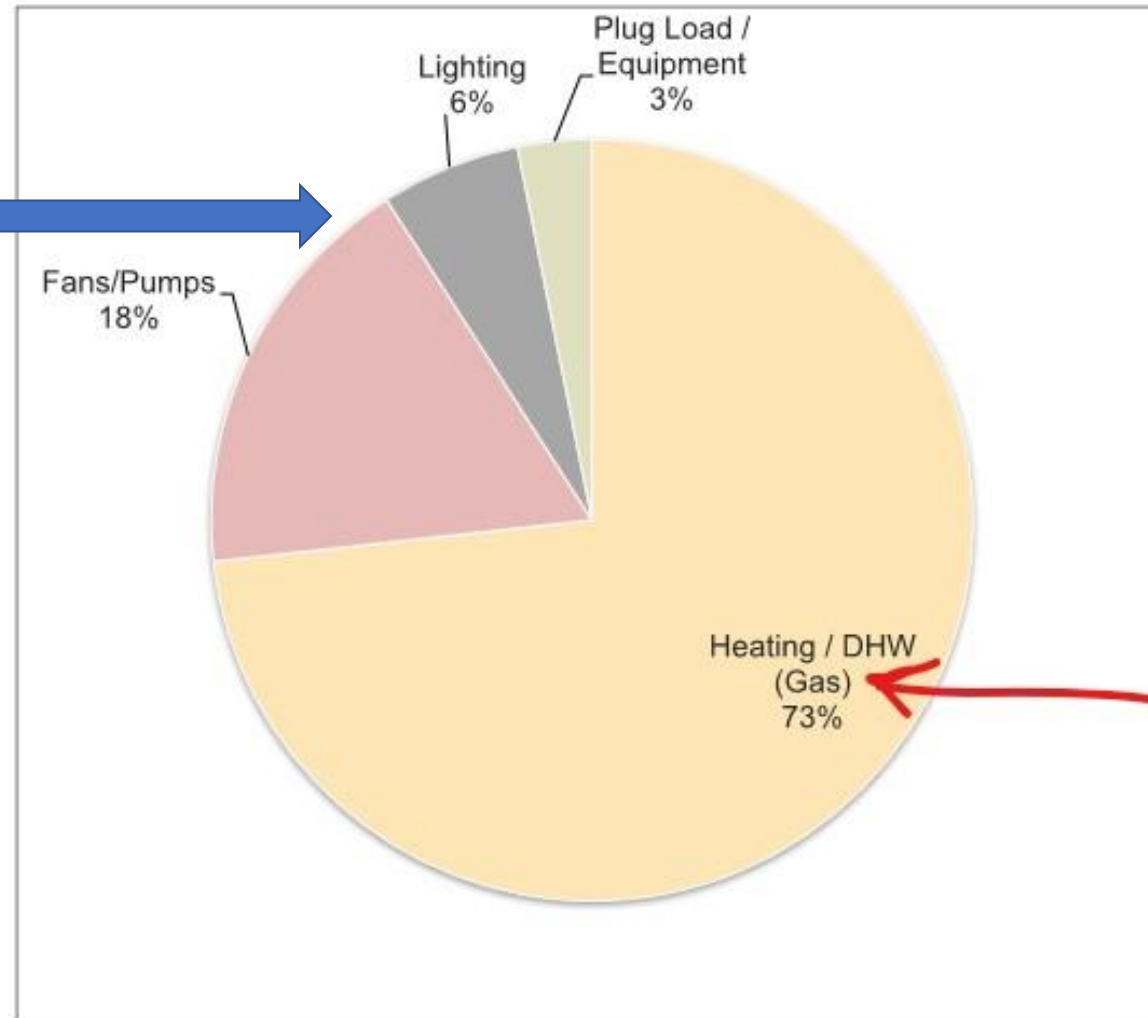
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Building



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# ZNE School Building with 100% renewable electricity

If all of this electrical energy use is sourced through 100% clean renewables, it's portion of any carbon footprint is ZERO!



**Measured Energy Use**  
Annual Total  
(2016 -2017)

512 MWh/year  
Measured EUI = 29.9

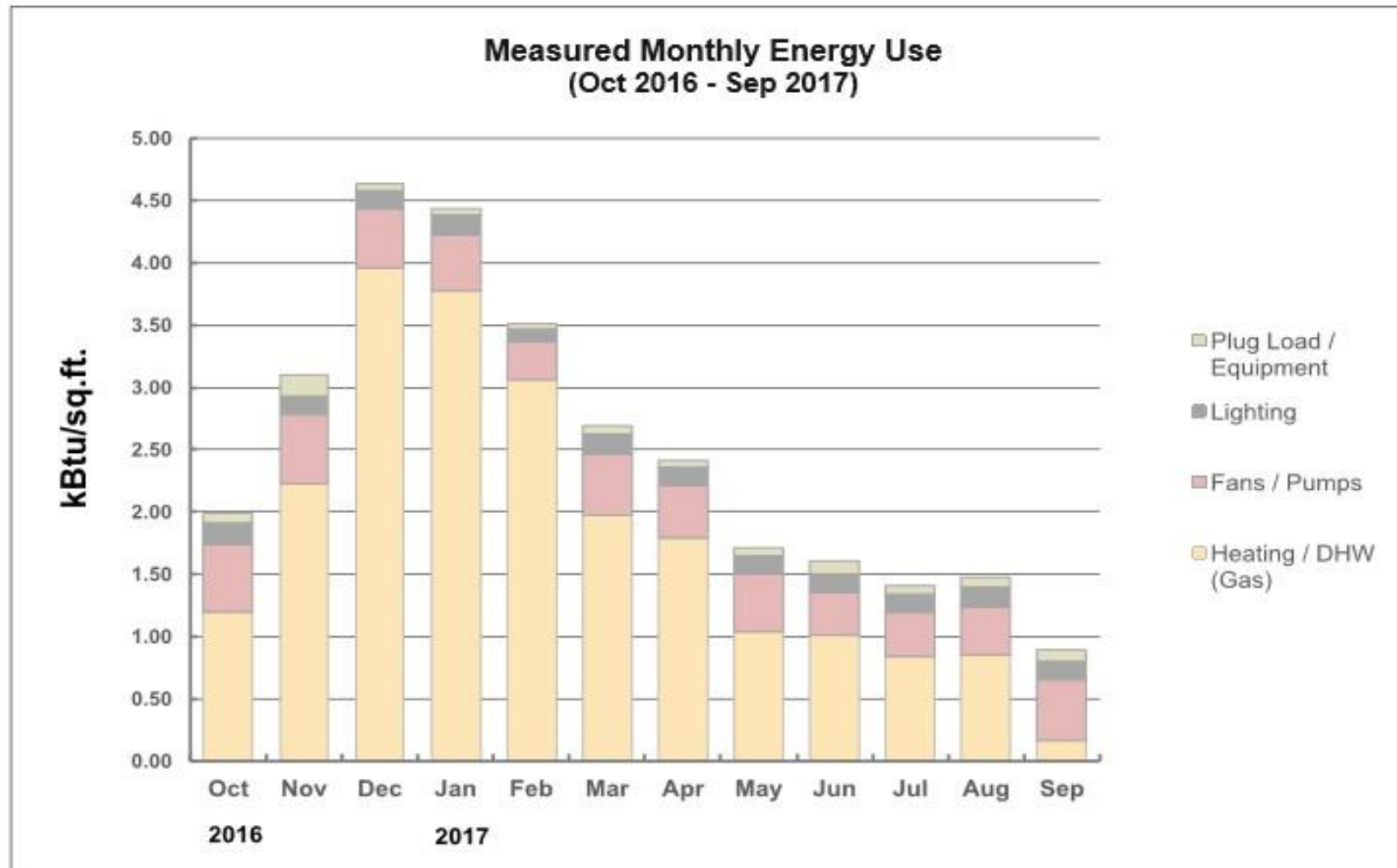
IF Natural Gas uses were to be “DECARBONIZED” using heat pump technology and induction/all- electric for cooking, we get to ZERO CARBON operating emissions!



# Metrics and Emission Factors Matter

- Understand your energy use data & carbon footprint (GHG Inventory)
- Understand the emission factor of your purchased Grid electricity  
Sources are your utility, the e-grid, and other national sources such as EPA
- i.e. PG&E 2013 emission factor: 427 lbs. Co<sub>2</sub>/MWh; 1 kWh = 0.427 lbs. Co<sub>2</sub> This is decreasing due to a CA mandate to 0 by 2045
- 1 kWh = 3.412 kBtu ; 1 kBtu = 0.29307 kWh
- Emission factor of natural gas: 1 therm = 11.7 lbs. of Co<sub>2</sub>  
or 0.00531 Metric ton Co<sub>2</sub>/therm ; or 0.12 lbs./ cubic ft. gas
- 1 therm = 99.976 kBtu ; 1 kBtu = 0.0100024 therms
- Emission factor of On-site renewable energy = 0 lbs. Co<sub>2</sub> !
- FACT: The cleaner your Grid or electricity purchased through a CCA or Direct Access is, the easier it is to get from ZNE to zero carbon!

# Natural Gas use is Large Source of Carbon Emissions



1 kBtu of natural gas  
use = 0.12 lbs Co<sub>2</sub>

1 kBtu of electricity  
Co<sub>2</sub> depends on the  
emission factor(s),  
BUT  
If it sourced by 100%  
renewable energy,  
the e factor=0 !

After On-Site solar and wind,  
Opt up to 100% Renewable Energy  
= Zero carbon emissions





# The Pathway to Zero Carbon Schools



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# Benchmark + ZNE + Decarbonization = Zero Carbon

## **NEW CONSTRUCTION SOLUTION**

- Design for ZNE as all-electric building
- Target under 20-25 EUI
- Provide all electricity with Grid-optimized on-site renewables+ storage, w/100% carbon-free purchased electricity from a clean Grid, CCA, or Direct Access supplemented as needed

## **EXISTING BUILDINGS SOLUTION**

- Deep Energy Retrofit to ZNE targeting 20-25 EUI
- Decarbonize by transitioning natural gas fueled equipment for space and water heating to high efficiency (COP of 3.5-5) heat pump technology; and gas cooktops to induction over next ten+ years
- Provide 100% renewable energy with storage

# From Zero Energy to Zero Carbon

Thank You !



Questions ?

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# Resources for Getting to Zero



# Getting to Zero Resources HUB



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## Zero Energy Schools Resources

Learn how zero energy schools are leading the zero energy buildings trend through policy and design.

STATE POLICIES & PROGRAMS

SCHOOL & DISTRICT LEADERSHIP

RESEARCH & TOOLS

<https://gettingtozeroforum.org/zero-energy-schools-resources/>



# ZNE Case Studies



ULTRA-LOW ENERGY

BUILDING TYPE: K-12 SCHOOL

TURKEY FOOT MIDDLE SCHOOL

EDGEWOOD, KY

[VIEW CASE STUDY](#)



ZERO ENERGY

BUILDING TYPE: K-12 SCHOOL

HOOD RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSIC &  
SCIENCE BUILDING

HOOD RIVER, OR

[VIEW CASE STUDY](#)



COMMERCIAL

BUILDING TYPE: K-12 SCHOOL

GARDEN GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL  
DISTRICT

GARDEN GROVE, CA

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# 2019 Schools Zero Energy Watch List

nbi new buildings  
institute

## Zero Energy Schools Watchlist

for K-12 Schools, Colleges, and Educational Projects

The Zero Energy Schools Watchlist tracks education buildings, including K-12 schools, higher education, and general education buildings. The Watchlist documents the status of ZE school projects across North America and raises public awareness of districts that are getting to zero. The 219 innovative projects listed here are aiming to consume only as much energy as they can produce over the course of the year, helping move the needle toward zero energy and zero carbon building performance.

High performance and zero energy schools shape the educational landscape dramatically for the better. For example, students in classrooms with natural light showed a 20-26% improvement on test scores compared to artificially lit environments<sup>1</sup>. With students spending approximately 1,000 hours per year in a school,<sup>2</sup> transforming classrooms into healthy and productive spaces is of the utmost importance, especially when short-term and long-term health of students and staff is at risk.

Student engagement in zero energy schools creates hands-on opportunities for teaching Next Generation Science Standards and Common Core. These zero energy facilities can be used as a tool to develop important skills like teamwork, research, time management and the use of technology.

Zero energy schools have been built for little to no additional cost and demonstrate lower operating costs over time. The money saved on energy bills can be put back into the school. Patterns and trends uncovered in the approaches used by these districts and teams can be shared with others, whether they are aiming for ultra-low or zero energy performance.

A zero energy building produces as much energy through clean, renewable resources as it consumes over the course of a year.

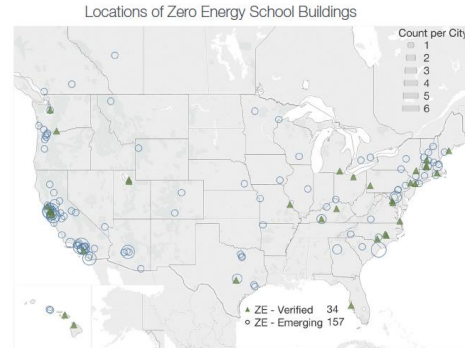
<sup>1</sup> Hershong Mahone Group (1999), Daylighting in Schools: An Investigation into the Relationship Between Daylighting and Human Performance. <http://nbi-nrg.com/downloads/daylightingschools.pdf>  
<sup>2</sup> Center for Public Education (2011), Time in school: How does the U.S. compare? <http://www.centerforpubliceducation.org/Main-Menu/organizing-a-school/Time-in-school-How-does-the-U.S.-compare>



Since 2010, when NBI began tracking zero energy buildings, educational facilities have been a leading market sector.<sup>3</sup> The number of zero energy educational buildings has increased more than 110% since 2014 due to early adopter school districts and stakeholders that recognized the long- and short-term benefits of these buildings.

Zero Energy educational buildings in North America are located across 37 states and three provinces. The top five states for zero energy schools are California, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Oregon and Texas. Followed closely behind by Arizona, New York and South Carolina.

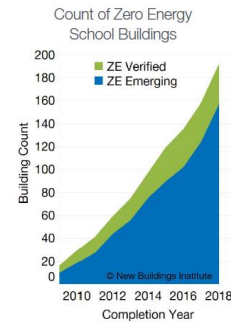
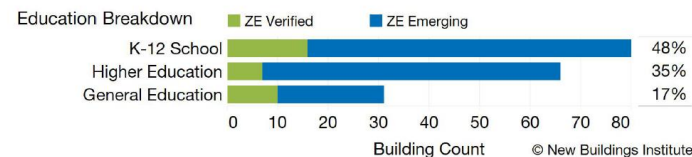
Fueled by aggressive public policies and "Proposition 39" funding, California has 34 buildings with verified zero energy performance and 157 more with a publicly stated zero energy goal.



|               | Ultra-low Verified | Emerging | Verified | Total |
|---------------|--------------------|----------|----------|-------|
| California    | 10                 | 72       | 6        | 88    |
| Kentucky      | 4                  | 4        | 2        | 10    |
| Massachusetts | 1                  | 5        | 3        | 9     |
| Oregon        | 0                  | 8        | 1        | 9     |
| Texas         | 1                  | 7        | 1        | 9     |

Within the education market, 48% of the buildings are K-12 schools. However, a variety of educational building types are pursuing a zero energy goal. 35% of the list is composed of community college and higher education buildings. The remainder is general education buildings such as libraries, science centers and individual classrooms.

Zero Energy Educational Building Types



### Zero Energy Verified

| Year Completed | Project Name   | City          | State | Building Type                 | Size (sf) | Total EUI | Source EUI | Site RPI | Source RPI | Net EUI | Net Source EUI | zEPI Score |
|----------------|--|---------------|-------|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|----------|------------|---------|----------------|------------|
| 2000           | Oberlin College Lewis Center (M)   | Oberlin       | OH    | Higher Education              | 13,600    | 31.4      | 87.8       | 36.9     | 103.3      | -5.5    | -15.5          | -5         |
| 2001           | Environmental Tech. Center Sonoma State (M)                              | Rohnert Park  | CA    | Higher Education              | 2,200     | 2.3       | 6.5        | 3.8      | 10.6       | -1.5    | -4.1           | -2         |
| 2008           | Environmental Nature Center (M) (L)                                      | Newport Beach | CA    | General Education             | 8,535     | 17.6      | 49.3       | 27.7     | 77.6       | -10.1   | -28.3          | -12        |
| 2011           | EcoCenter at Horon's Head Park (off grid) (M) (L)                        | San Francisco | CA    | General Education             | 2,400     |           |            |          |            |         |                |            |
| 2013           | IBEW Local 595 Zero Net Energy Center (M)                                | San Leandro   | CA    | General Education             | 45,001    | 15.0      | 42.0       | 21.0     | 58.8       | -6.0    | -16.8          | -7         |
| 2013           | Lenawee Intermediate School District Center for a Sustainable Future (M) | Adrian        | MI    | K-12 School; Primary School   | 8,750     | 7.7       | 21.6       | 10.1     | 28.3       | -2.4    | -6.7           | -2         |
| 2014           | Odyssey Elementary School (M)  | Woods Cross   | UT    | K-12 School; Primary School   | 84,785    | 15.0      | 42.0       | 16.8     | 47.0       | -1.8    | -5.0           | -2         |
| 2015           | Bishop O'Dowd High School, Environmental Science Center (M) (L)          | Oakland       | CA    | K-12 School; Secondary School | 3,275     | 18.0      | 50.3       | 18.6     | 52.2       | -0.7    | -1.9           | -1         |
| 2015           | Discovery Elementary School  | Arlington     | VA    | K-12 School; Primary School   | 98,000    | 15.5      | 43.4       | 19.1     | 53.5       | -3.6    | -10.1          | -4         |
| 2015           | Graham Middle School (M)   | Goldboro      | NC    | K-12 School; Primary School   | 86,400    | 18.2      | 51.0       | 26.1     | 73.0       | -7.9    | -22.0          | -8         |
| 2015           | P.S. 62 (Kathleen Grimm School of Leadership and Sustainability) (M)     | Staten Island | NY    | K-12 School; Primary School   | 68,680    | 32.7      | 88.2       | 33.7     | 94.3       | -1.0    | -6.1           | -1         |
| 2015           | Potomac Watershed Center (M)   | Accokeek      | MD    | General Education             | 3,971     | 44.2      | 123.9      | 46.0     | 128.7      | -1.7    | -4.8           | -2         |
| 2015           | R W Kern Center at Hampshire College                                     | Amherst       | MA    | Higher Education              | 16,950    | 23.4      | 65.6       | 26.4     | 74.0       | -3.0    | -8.4           | -3         |
| 2015           | Sarasota Audubon Nature Center (M) (L)                                   | Sarasota      | FL    | General Education             | 2,500     | 10.3      | 28.6       | 15.6     | 43.7       | -5.3    | -14.9          | -5         |
| 2016           | Kay's Creek Elementary School (M)  | Kaysville     | UT    | K-12 School; Primary School   | 84,785    | 14.2      | 39.8       | 16.1     | 45.2       | -1.9    | -5.4           | #N/A       |
| 2016           | Maui Army Reserve Center (M)   | Waikuku       | HI    | Training Center               | 15,361    | 35.5      | 99.5       | 35.6     | 99.6       | -0.1    | -0.1           | #N/A       |
| 2016           | Strega Technology and Learning Center - Bristol Community College (M)    | Fall River    | MA    | Higher Education              | 50,679    | 45.0      | 104.3      | 60.9     | 170.5      | -15.9   | -66.2          | -15        |
| 2016           | Spring Creek Middle School (M)   | Seven Springs | NC    | K-12 School; Primary School   | 96,000    | 19.2      | 53.7       | 22.6     | 63.3       | -3.5    | -9.6           | -3         |
| 2018           | Lakeline Learning Center   | Austin        | TX    | General Education             | 6,000     |           |            |          |            |         |                |            |

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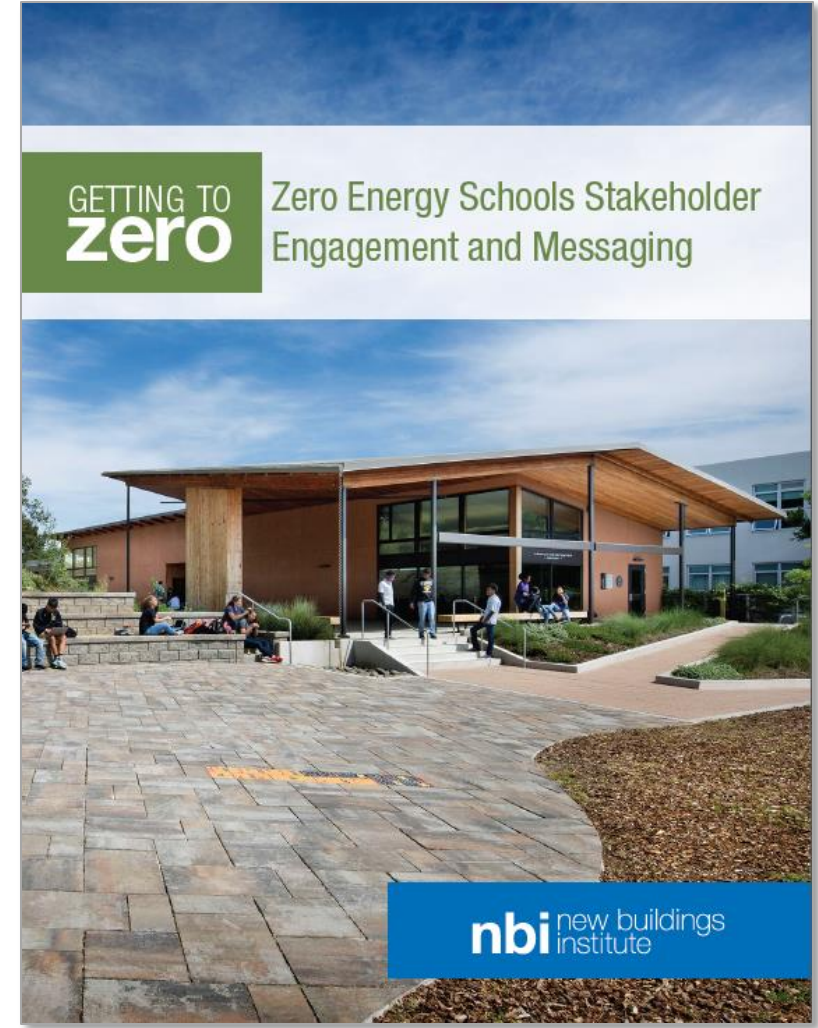
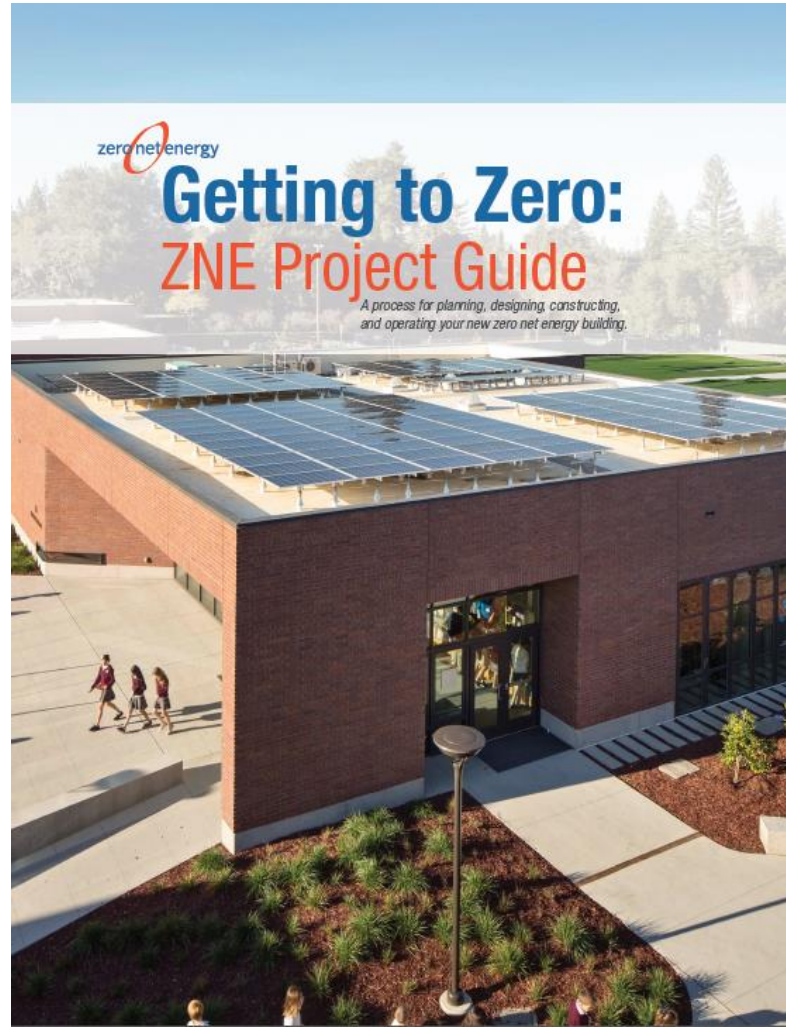


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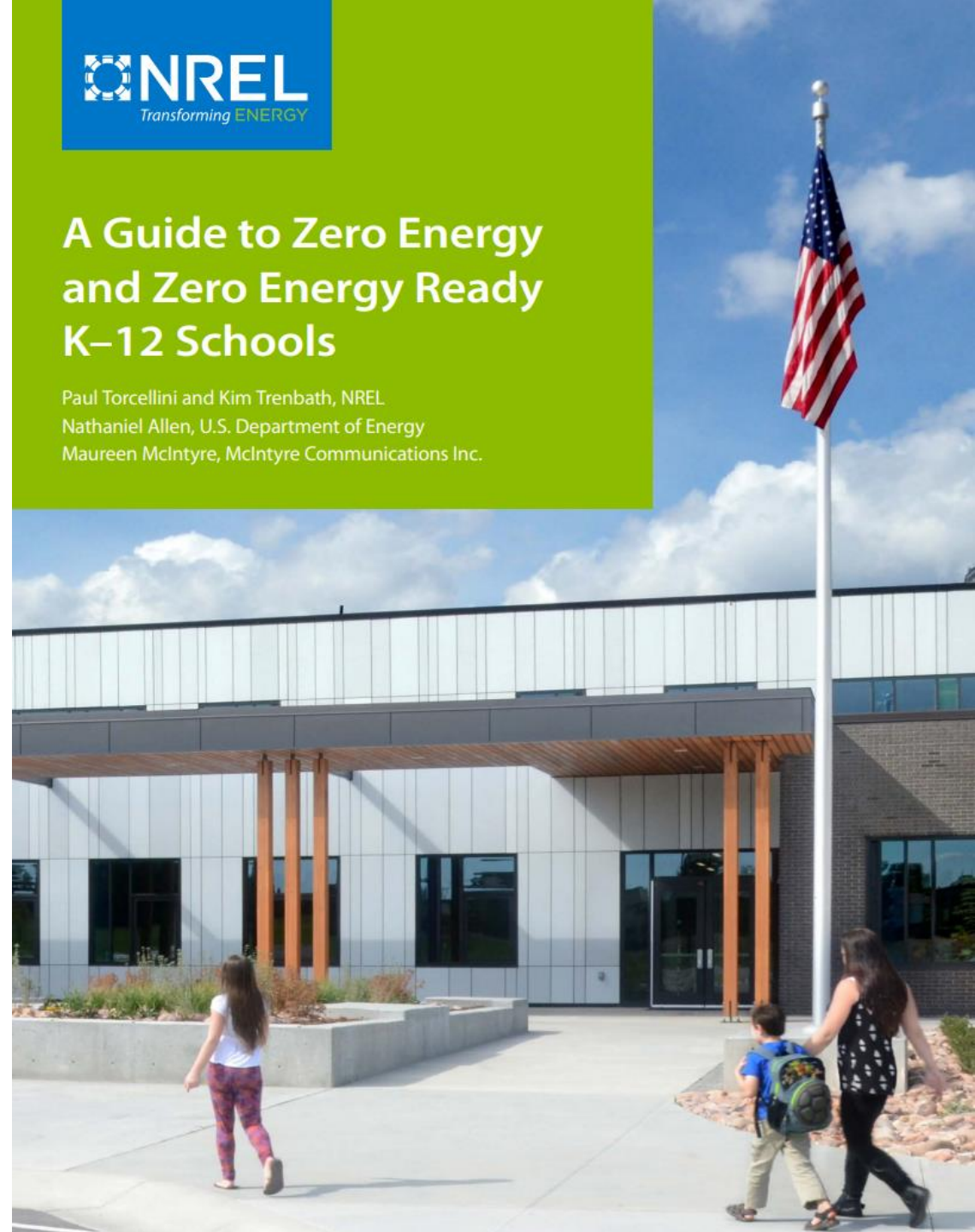
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- The Green Resolution:

[https://www.seattleschools.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server\\_543/File/District/Departments/ResourceConservation/20130501\\_GreenResolution.pdf](https://www.seattleschools.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_543/File/District/Departments/ResourceConservation/20130501_GreenResolution.pdf)

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- Policies and Procedures for Natural Resource Conservation:

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# Additional Resources

- Energy Star Portfolio Manager: <https://www.energystar.gov/buildings/facility-owners-and-managers/existing-buildings/use-portfolio-manager>
- NEEP High Performance Schools: <http://www.neep.org/initiatives/energy-efficient-buildings/high-performance-schools>
- USGBC Center for Green Schools: <https://www.centerforgreenschools.org/>
- Green Ribbon Schools: <https://www2.ed.gov/programs/green-ribbon-schools/index.html>
- NCEF School Buildings Assessment Methods: <http://www.ncef.org/pubs/sanoffassess.pdf>
- Collaborative for High Performance Schools: <https://chps.net/chps-criteria>
- NREL Technical Feasibility for K-12 Schools: <http://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy17osti/67233.pdf>
- DOE Toolkit: K-12 Solutions for Building Energy Excellence: <https://betterbuildingsinitiative.energy.gov/toolkits/k-12-solutions-building-energy-excellence>