



Setting the Stage for Long Term Building Efficiency and Sustainability

Fundamental Bldg Science Cohort Groups

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Southwest Vermont Supervisory Union	NEWESD 101	Baltimore City Public Schools	Milwaukee Public Schools
		City Schools of Decatur	Orange County Public Schools

Welcome

Let's get to know each other!

10 mins

Lesson Plan

1 hour 20
mins

- Introduction
- Energy Issues and Building Solutions
- The Building is a System: Sustainable Building Performance
- Project Preparation

Discussion

30 mins

Today's Presenters



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Icebreaker

Introducing the Mentimeter Marmot!

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- Respond to the prompts and answers will populate real time.



Introduction

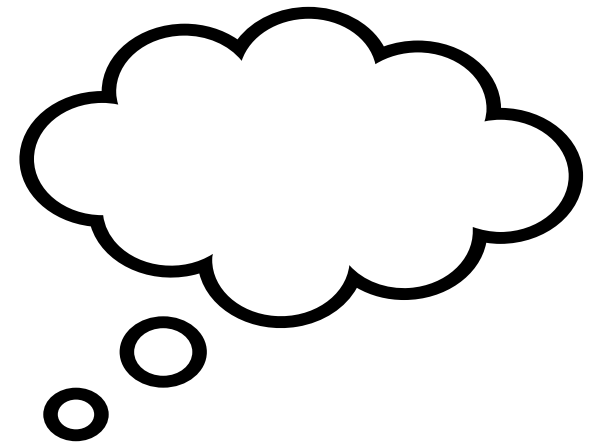
Course Objective

Understand what building science is and how can it be used to optimize building performance to decrease energy use/cost, and alleviate dependency on fossil fuels.

1. Participants will be able to identify major energy using systems common in K-12 school buildings.
2. Participants will understand the impacts of building upgrades, maintenance, and operation on efficiency and occupant health.
3. Participants will understand how to begin the process of project planning and preparation to achieve efficient and healthy school buildings.

What is building science?

- A field of knowledge that explains how a building works as a system of components that interact with each other and the outdoor environment.
- It describes how the physical behavior of the building impacts energy efficiency, durability, comfort, and indoor air quality.
- Important in all building phases!



Why building science matters to schools

- Upgrades to school facilities can:
 - ✓ Improve air quality
 - ✓ Improve comfort and health conditions
 - ✓ Support better student learning
 - ✓ Provide significant reductions in school energy bills
 - ✓ Help to stabilize utility costs for annual budgeting
 - ✓ Opportunities for safety and security

Source: <https://www.energy.gov/eere/buildings/efficient-and-healthy-schools>

Why building science matters to schools

WHY ARE GREEN SCHOOLS BETTER SCHOOLS?

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

25%¹ 

65% 

Reduction in asthma cases among elementary students when school indoor environment quality improves.²

3% 

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

20% 

Faster progression in math in schools with good daylighting.⁴

26% 

Faster progression in reading in schools with good daylighting.⁴

10% 

Increase in overall performance in schools with good daylighting.⁴

Credit: World GBC

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3. Katz, G. (2006). Greening America's Schools: Costs and Benefits.
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Why building science matters to schools

School buildings can be a tool to enhance student learning



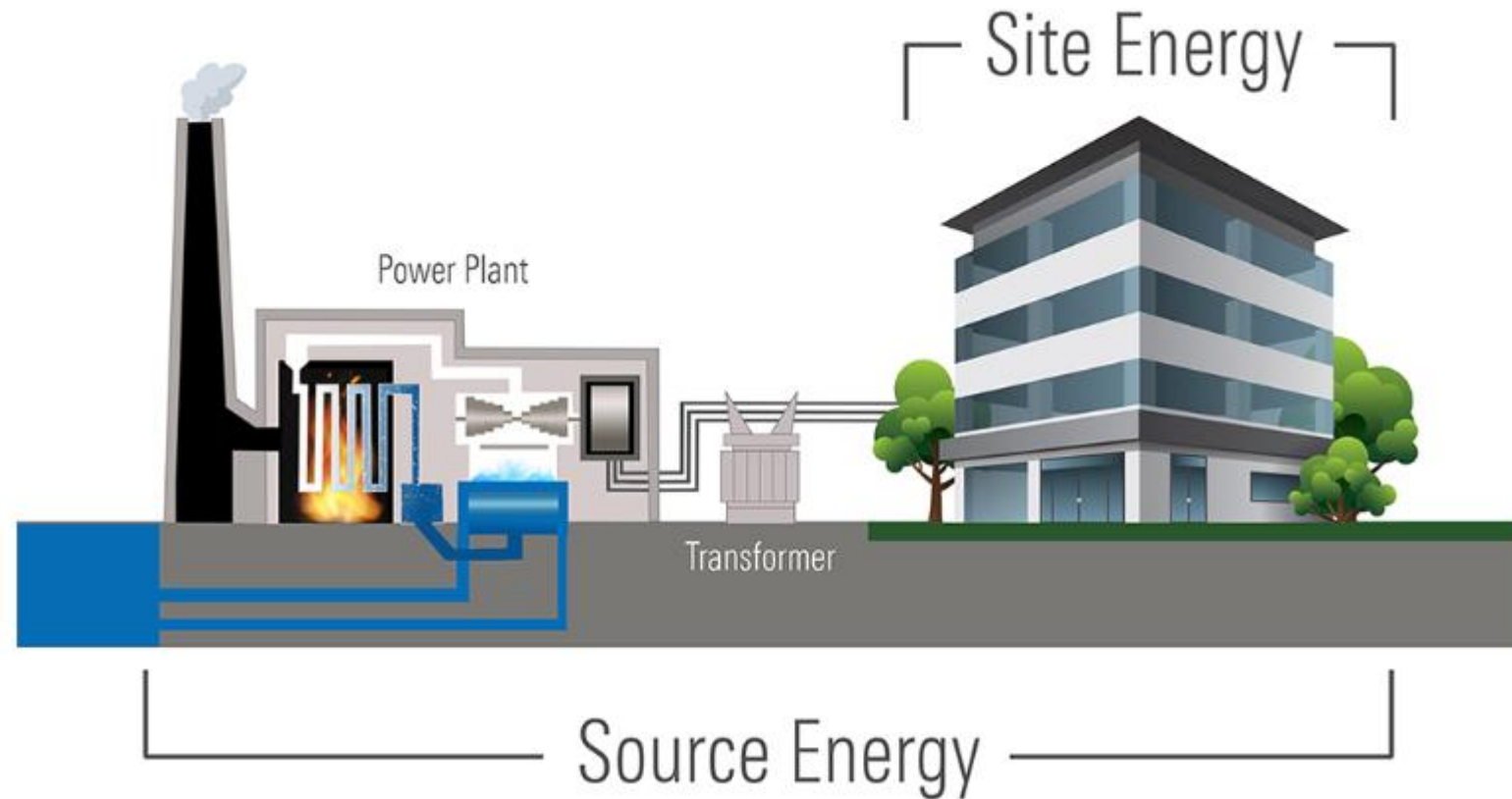
Student Performing Energy Audit, Los Angeles USD, CA
Credit: Los Angeles USD



Foundational Concepts

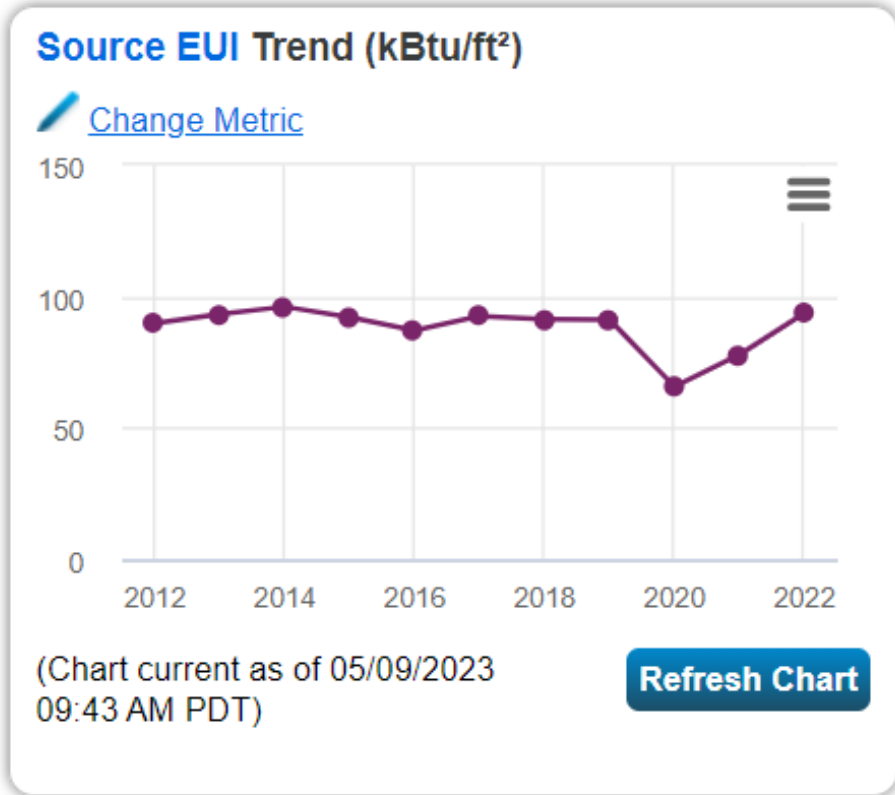
Key Energy Concept: Site vs. Source Energy

- **Source energy:** The total amount of raw fuel required to operate a building
- **Site energy:** The amount of heat and electricity consumed by the building



Source: https://www.energystar.gov/buildings/benchmark/understand_metrics/source_site_difference

Key Energy Concept: Site vs. Source Energy



[Change Metrics](#)
[Change Time Periods](#)

Metrics Summary			
Metric	Jan 2010 (Other)	Jun 2023 (Energy Current)	Change
ENERGY STAR Score (1-100)	71	80	9.00 (12.70%)
Source EUI (kBtu/ft ²)	107.0	89.6	-17.40 (-16.30%)
Site EUI (kBtu/ft ²)	47.2	41.0	-6.20 (-13.10%)
Energy Cost (\$)	96,589.16	109,153.86	12564.70 (13.00%)
Total (Location-Based) GHG Emissions Intensity (kgCO ₂ e/ft ²)	5.5	3.0	-2.50 (-45.50%)
Water Use (All Water Sources) (kgal)	2,191.8	Not Available	N/A
Total Waste (Disposed and Diverted) (Tons)	Not Available	Not Available	N/A

Key Energy Concept: Energy Use Intensity (EUI)

- Total energy consumed in one year, divided by the gross floor area (square footage)
 - Energy is expressed in units of kBtu for easy comparison
 - Usually based on site energy (not source energy)

$$\frac{\text{Annual Energy Use (kBtu/yr)}}{\text{Square Footage (ft}^2\text{)}}$$

EUI is similar to MPG (miles per gallon) ... for buildings!

Key Energy Concept: Energy Use Intensity (EUI)

 U.S. Energy Use Intensity by Property Type

Broad Category	Primary Function	Further Breakdown (where needed)	Source EUI (kBtu/ft ²)	Site EUI (kBtu/ft ²)	Reference Data Source - Peer Group Comparison
Education	Adult Education		110.4	52.4	CBECS - Education
	College/University		180.6	84.3	CBECS - College/University
	K-12 School*		104.4	48.5	CBECS - Elementary/Middle & High School
	Pre-school/Daycare		131.5	64.8	CBECS - Preschool
	Vocational School		110.4	52.4	CBECS - Education
	Other - Education				

<https://portfoliomanager.energystar.gov/pdf/reference/US%20National%20Median%20Table.pdf>

Net zero target: 16-26 kBtu/SF-year

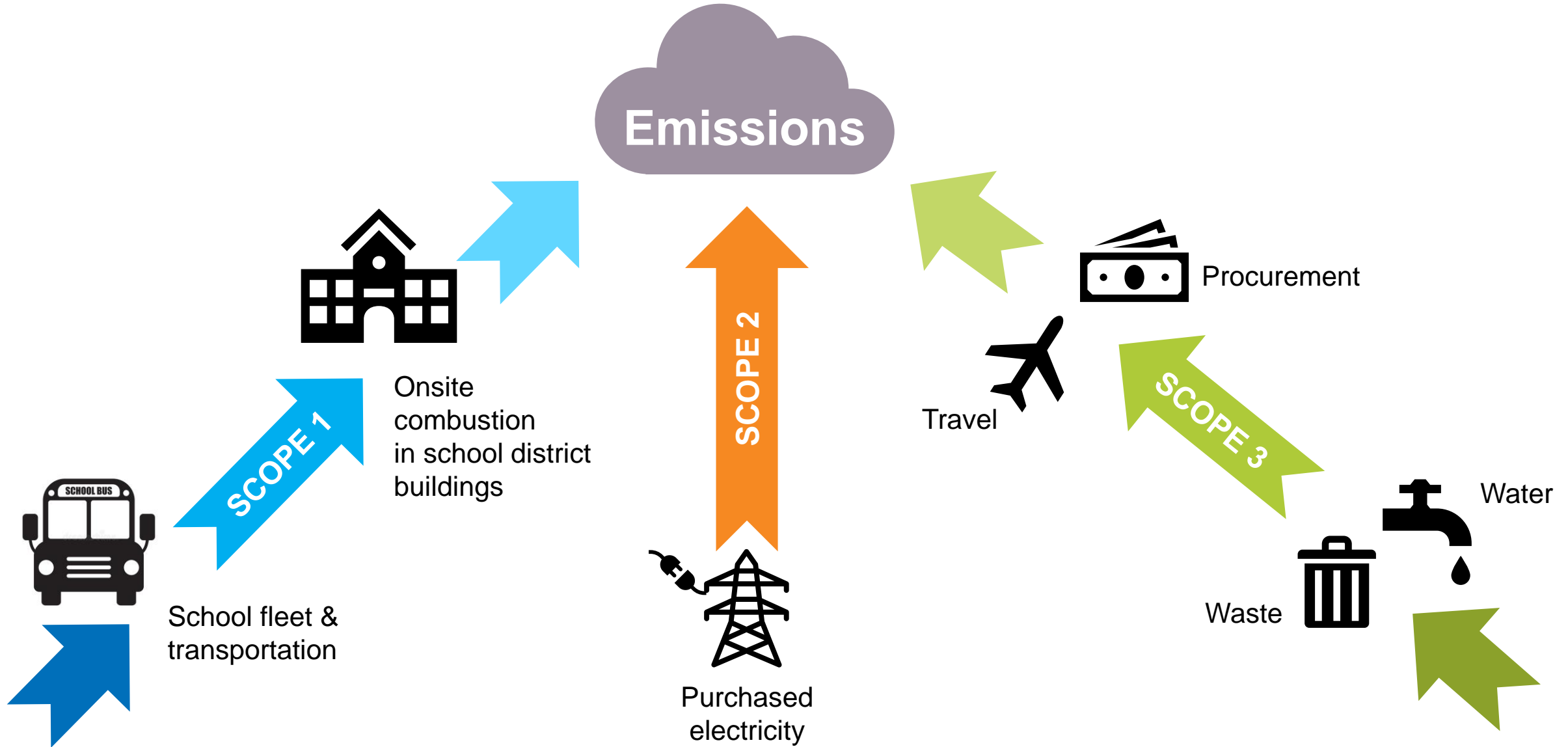
Key Energy Concept: Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions

- Measured in units of CO₂e
- May also be referred to as “carbon”
- Total emissions = direct (used at building + transportation) + indirect (energy purchased from a utility)
- Different fuel sources = different emissions per unit of energy
- Different grids have different fuel mixes (and carbon intensity)
- Not all hours of the grid are equal

Schools in the United States produce emissions equivalent to **18 coal-fired power plants** each year.

Source: [*Why K-12 Should Feature in America's National Climate Strategy*](#)

Scopes of Emissions in Schools



Key Energy Concept: Carbon Neutral Buildings

- Net zero energy ≠ carbon neutral
- A carbon neutral building is a well-ventilated, highly energy efficient building that does not contribute emissions of carbon and other greenhouse gases that contribute to climate change. A building is considered carbon neutral operations if it:
 - Maximizes energy efficiency while providing healthy indoor environments
 - Is all-electric and has no onsite fuel combustion
 - Offsets all the electricity used with 100% renewable energy sources

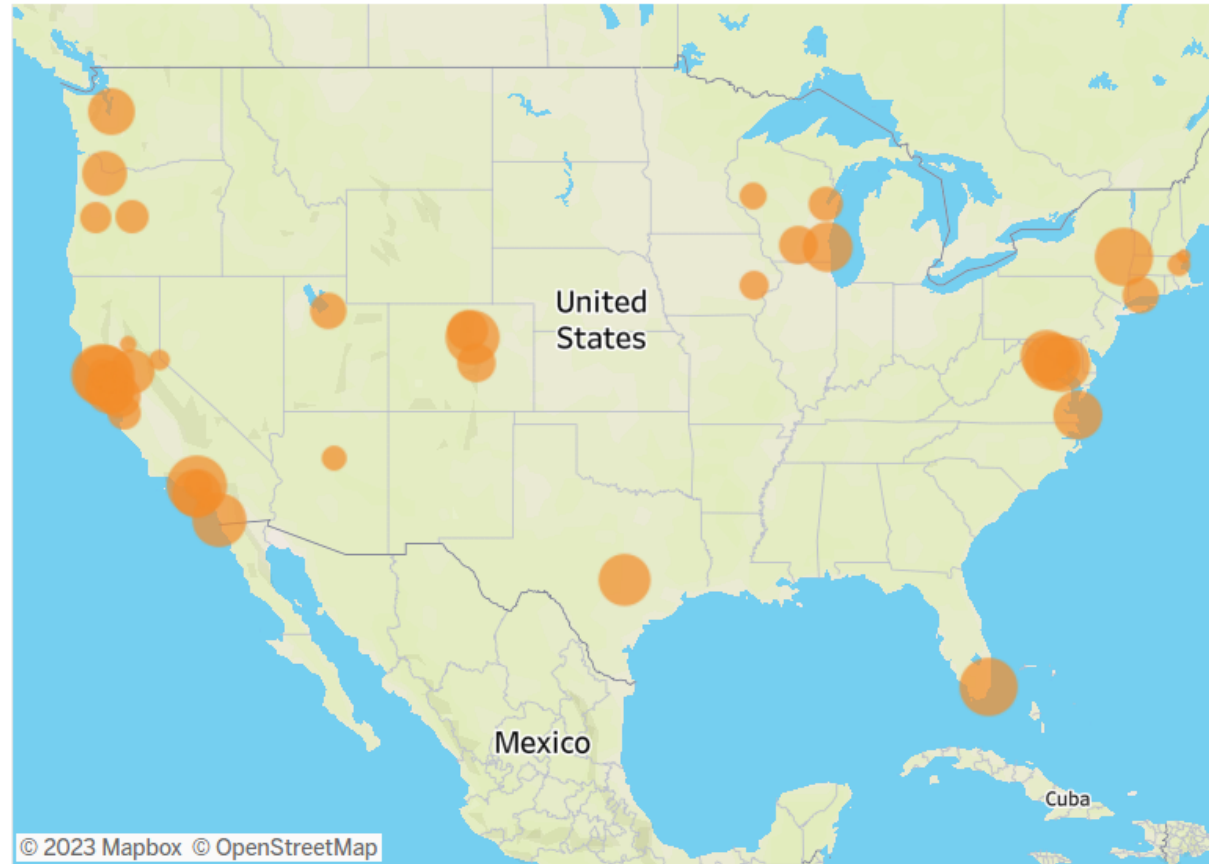
Source: https://newbuildings.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/NBI_Key-Messages-About-Carbon-Neutral-Schools_June2022.pdf

Interactive map of climate school district & building commitments

- <https://newbuildings.org/resource/interactive-map-of-carbon-neutral-school-districts/>

NBI Carbon Neutral Schools Policy and Resolutions Map

Use the filters on the left to filter projects in the map, and/or select a bubble on the map to filter the table below.



State

- (All)
- Arizona
- California
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Florida
- Iowa
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- New York
- Oregon
- Texas
- Utah
- Virginia
- Washington
- Wisconsin

Goal Type

- (All)
- Battery Storage
- Climate Justice
- Curriculum
- Curriculum/Workforce
- Electrification
- Embodied Carbon
- Energy Efficiency
- Operational Emissions
- Renewables
- Resilience
- Transportation
- Workforce

District Size Classification (Large...

- (All)
- Large

School District	State ..	Jurisdiction	Goal Language
Alameda Unified School District	CA	Alameda	• The AUSD Board of Education will strive to achie
Austin Independent School District	TX	Austin	• Austin ID adopts a goal of net zero greenhouse
Bend-La Pine Schools	OR	Bend, La Pine	• The district will commit to reviewing and followin
Boulder Valley School District	CO	Boulder	• Goals to reduce greenhouse gas emission by 80
Colorado Springs School District 11	CO	Colorado Springs	• Colorado Springs School District 11 Board of Ed
Cotati Rohnert Park Unified School Board	CA	Cotati, Rohnert P..	• Establish a Climate Change Committee to devel
CREDO High School Governing Board	CA	Rohnert Park	• Making buildings and manufacturing energy effi
Denver Public Schools	CO	City and County	• Use 100% clean electricity by 2030 in accordanc

Key Energy Concept: Major building elements



Onsite energy generation and storage

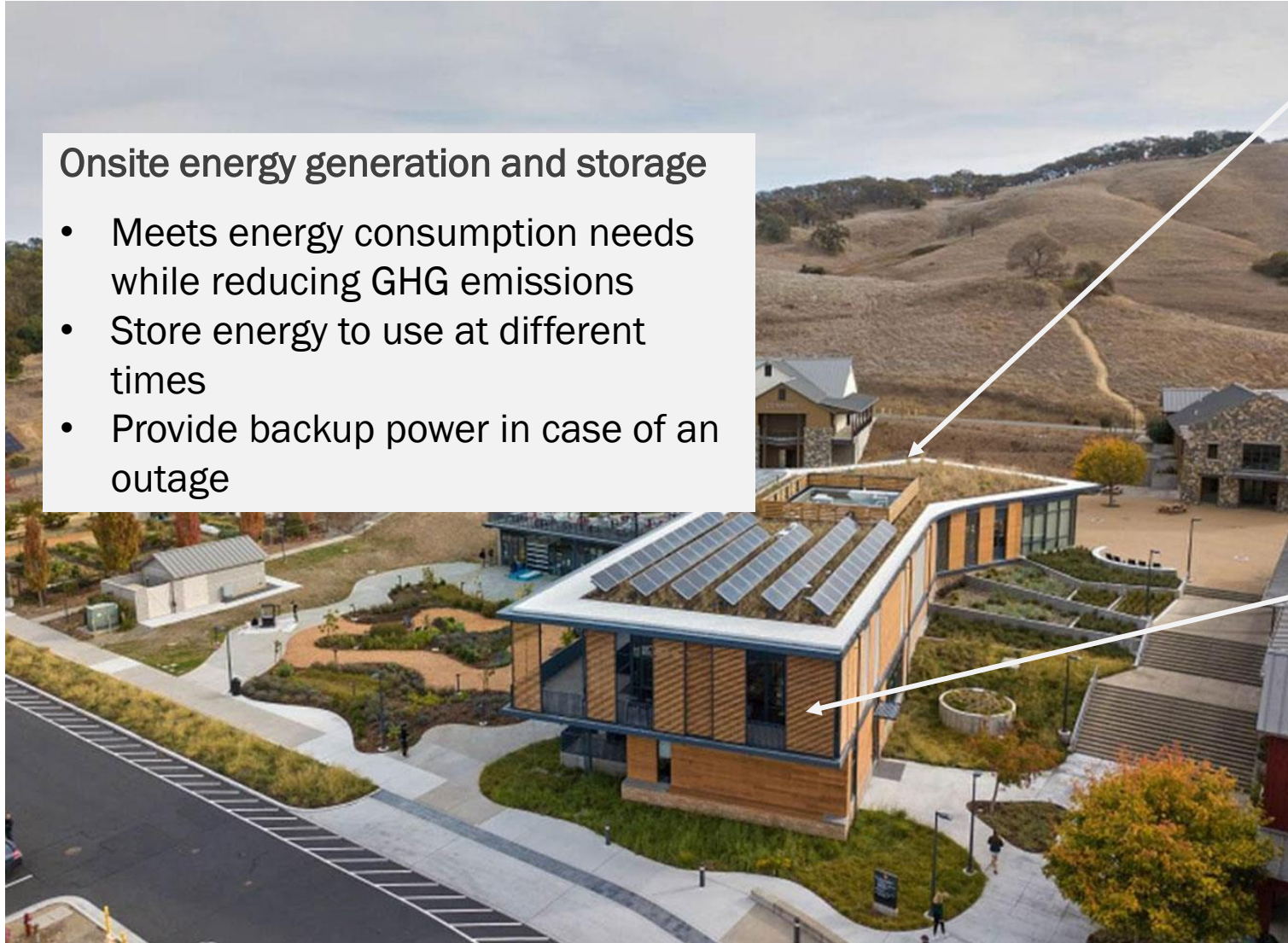
Building systems

- HVAC
- Water heating
- Lighting
- Kitchen equipment
- Electrical systems
- Plug and process loads
- Controls

Building Envelope

- Roofs and walls
- Foundation
- Windows and doors

Key Energy Concept: Major building elements



Onsite energy generation and storage

- Meets energy consumption needs while reducing GHG emissions
- Store energy to use at different times
- Provide backup power in case of an outage

Building systems

- Defines the magnitude of total energy consumption and GHG emissions

Building Envelope

- Passively impacts building system energy consumption

Major building elements: common retrofits



Building systems

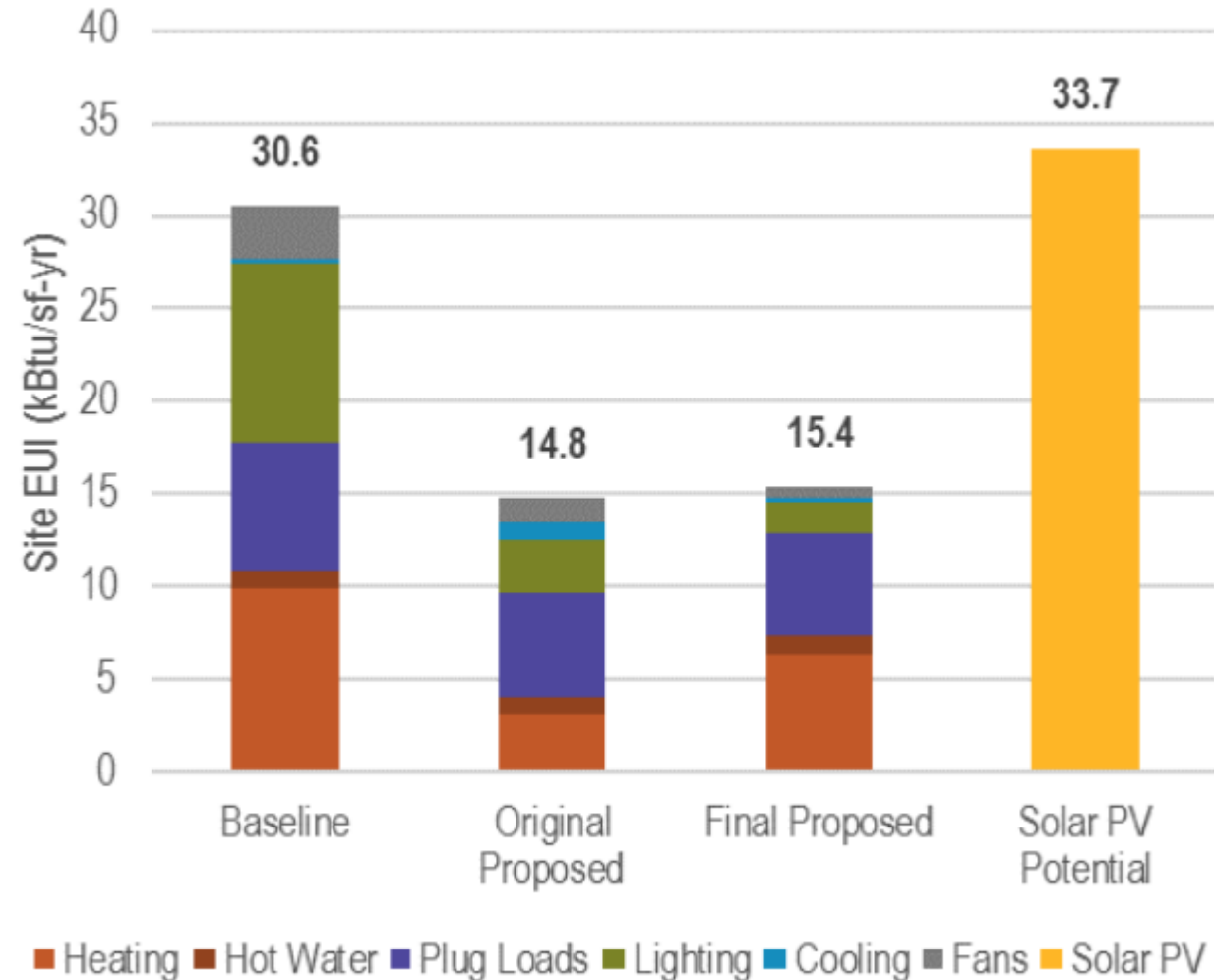
- HVAC
- Water heating
- Lighting
- Kitchen equipment
- Electrical systems
- Plug and process loads (appliance replacement)
- Controls

Building Envelope

- Roofs and walls
- Foundation
- **Windows** and doors

Major building elements: common retrofits

- The best retrofit options will depend on your site
- HVAC and lighting upgrades often are “biggest bang for your buck”
- Appliance upgrades (kitchen, plug loads) can be lower cost and still add up



Source: Integral Group, Inc for CA Prop 39

Health, Safety, and Comfort in School Buildings

Common building issues

<h2>Health</h2>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mold • Moisture intrusion • Indoor environmental/air quality (IEQ/IAQ)
<h2>Safety</h2>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aging infrastructure (<i>windows you can't lock!</i>) • Toxic building materials • Lighting (<i>security camera visibility</i>)
<h2>Comfort</h2>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor temperature balancing • Poor ventilation • Accessibility • Lighting

Healthy buildings

The 9 aspects of healthy buildings:

- Ventilation
- Air Quality
- Water Quality
- Thermal Health
- Dust and Pests
- Lighting and Views
- Noise
- Moisture
- Safety & Security

Source: <https://www.energy.gov/femp/articles/existing-healthy-building-resources-overview>

Healthy buildings

- Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) - focused on air quality
- VS.
- Indoor Environmental Quality (IEQ) – holistic assessment

- IAQ/IEQ impacts:
 - Short- and long-term health effects
 - Absenteeism
 - Test scores
 - Productivity
 - Staff wellness and retention

Nearly 1 in 13 children has asthma, the leading cause of school absenteeism due to chronic illness.


Source: <https://www.epa.gov/iaq-schools/why-indoor-air-quality-important-schools>

Healthy buildings

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Relationships between social climate and indoor environmental quality and frequently reported health symptoms among teachers and staff in a suburban school district

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Identifying and evaluating school environmental health indicators



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Article

Indoor Air Quality Prior to and Following School Building Renovation in a Mid-Atlantic School District

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School environmental conditions and links to academic performance and absenteeism in urban, mid-Atlantic public schools



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Healthy buildings: energy efficiency can help

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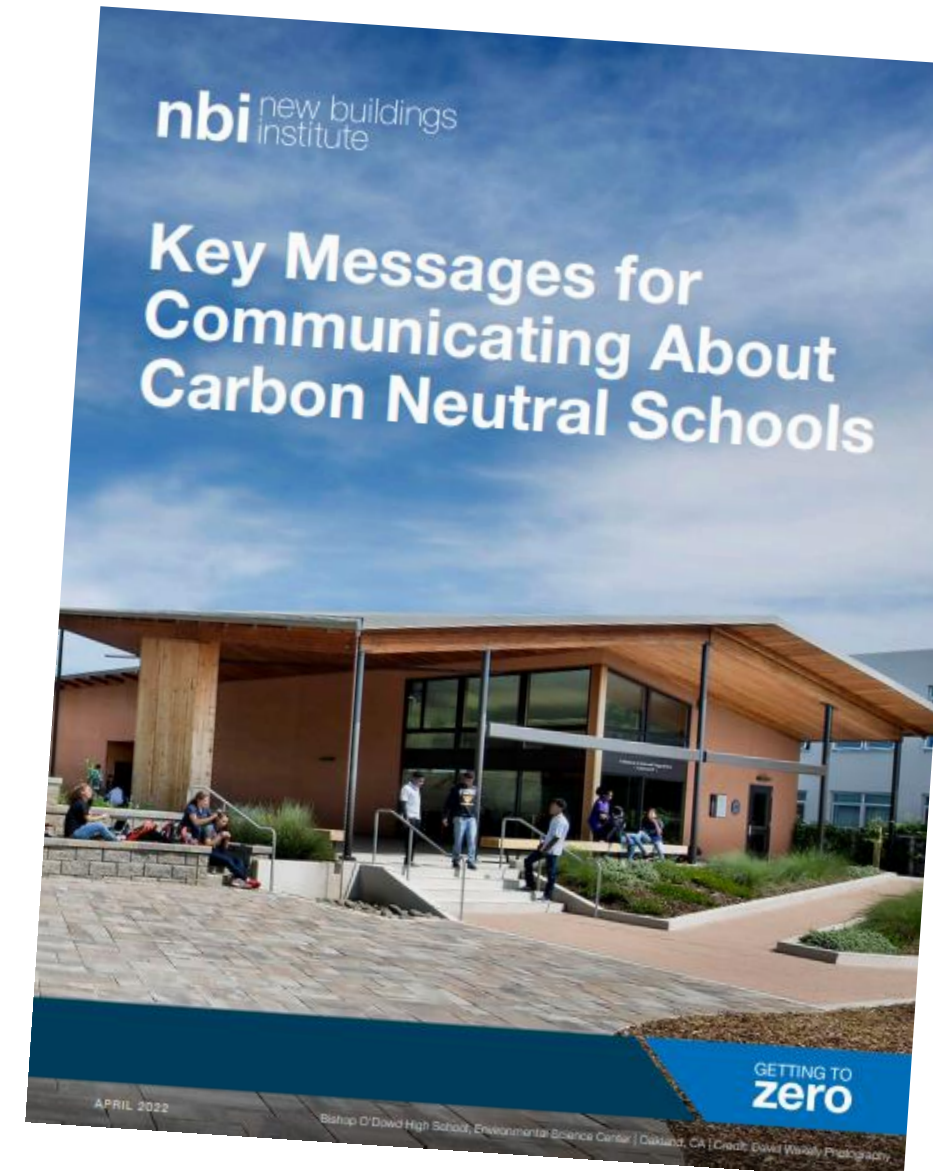
Energy efficiency

- Goal: Use less resources (energy) to operate, without compromising comfort or reliability
- Can be achieved through a variety of measures impacting the building envelope, systems, and equipment.

Benefits	Challenges
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☺ Cost savings ☺ Community benefits ☺ Environmental benefits ☺ Resilience ☺ Health benefits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☹ Inadequate funding ☹ Competing priorities ☹ Overburdened staff

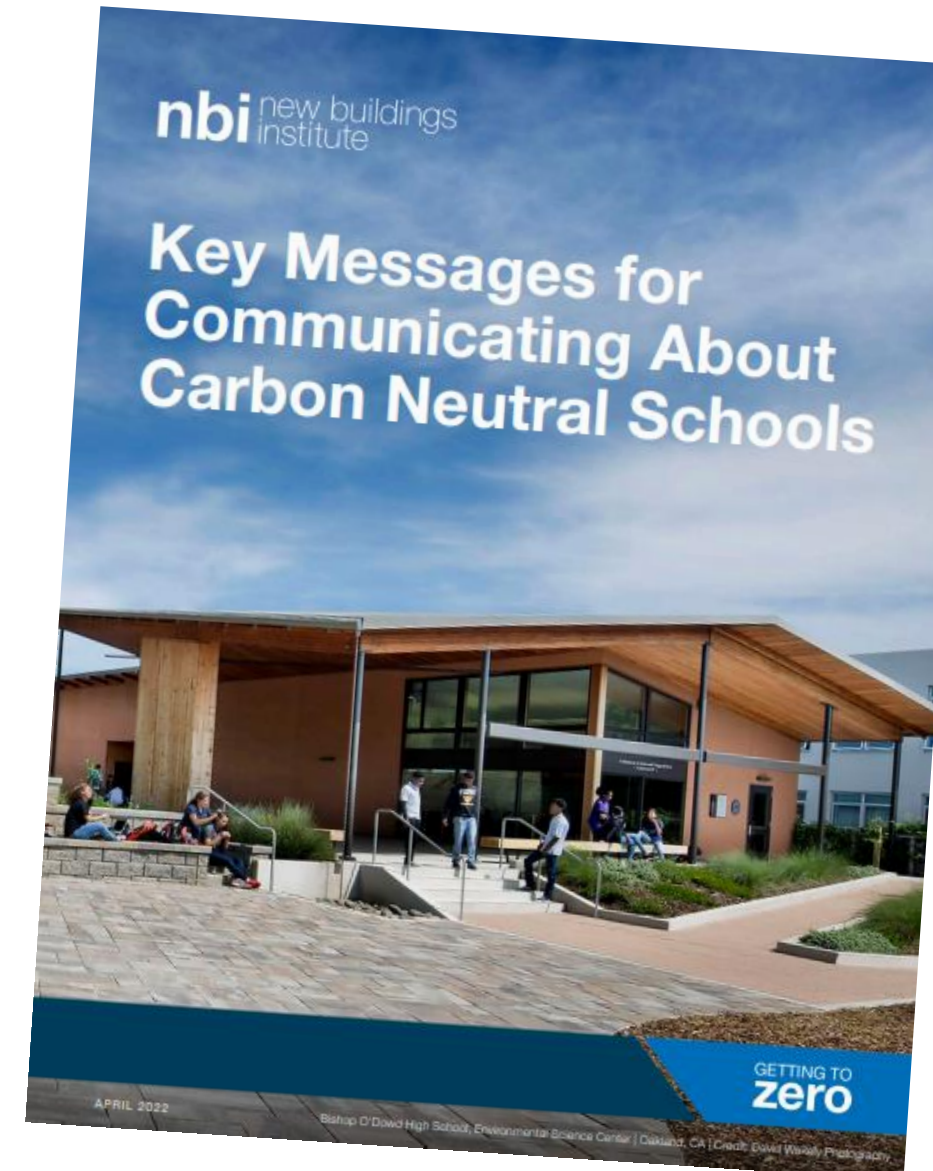
Energy efficiency: opportunity

Schools and educational facilities are the **third largest sector of commercial building energy usage** in the United States.



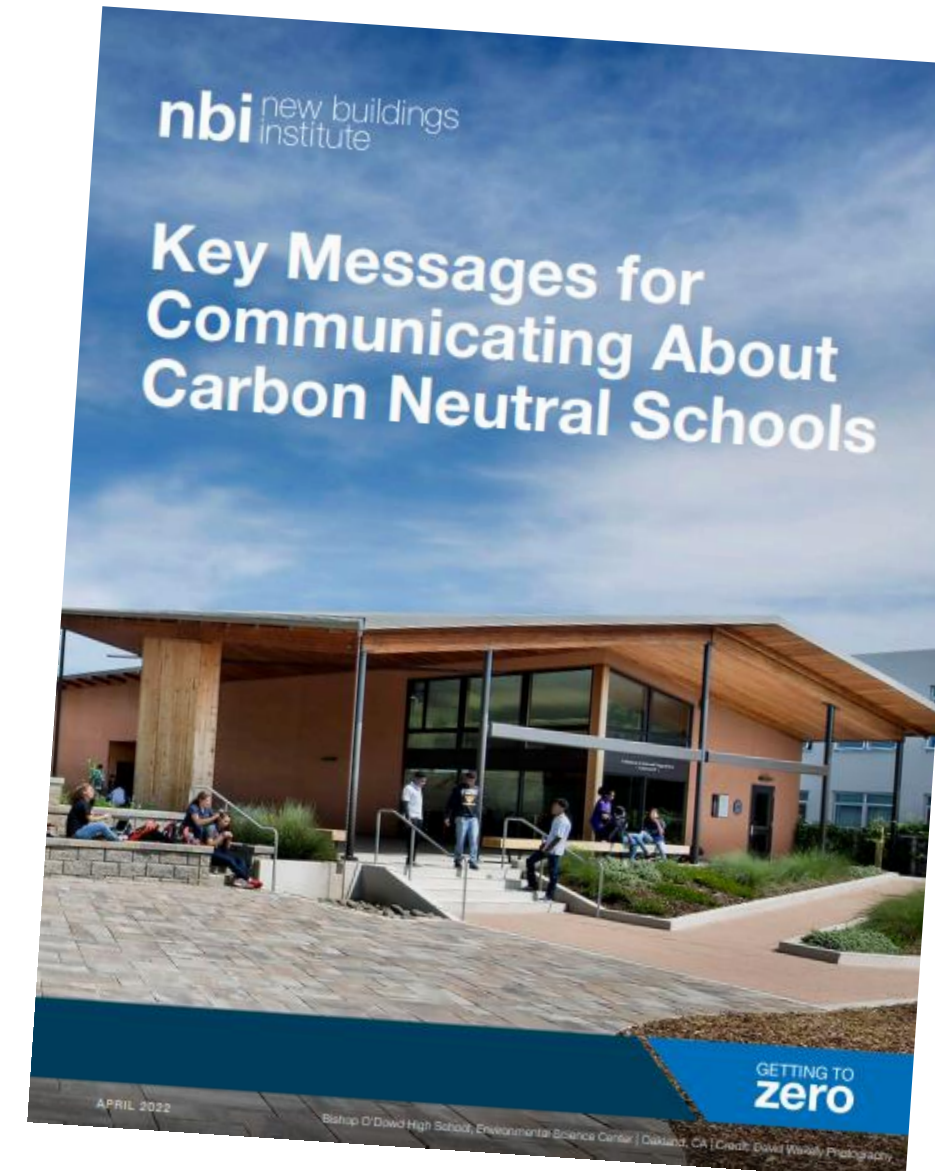
Energy efficiency: opportunity

School building energy consumption costs K-12 school districts in the United States **more than \$12.5 billion per year.**



Energy efficiency: opportunity

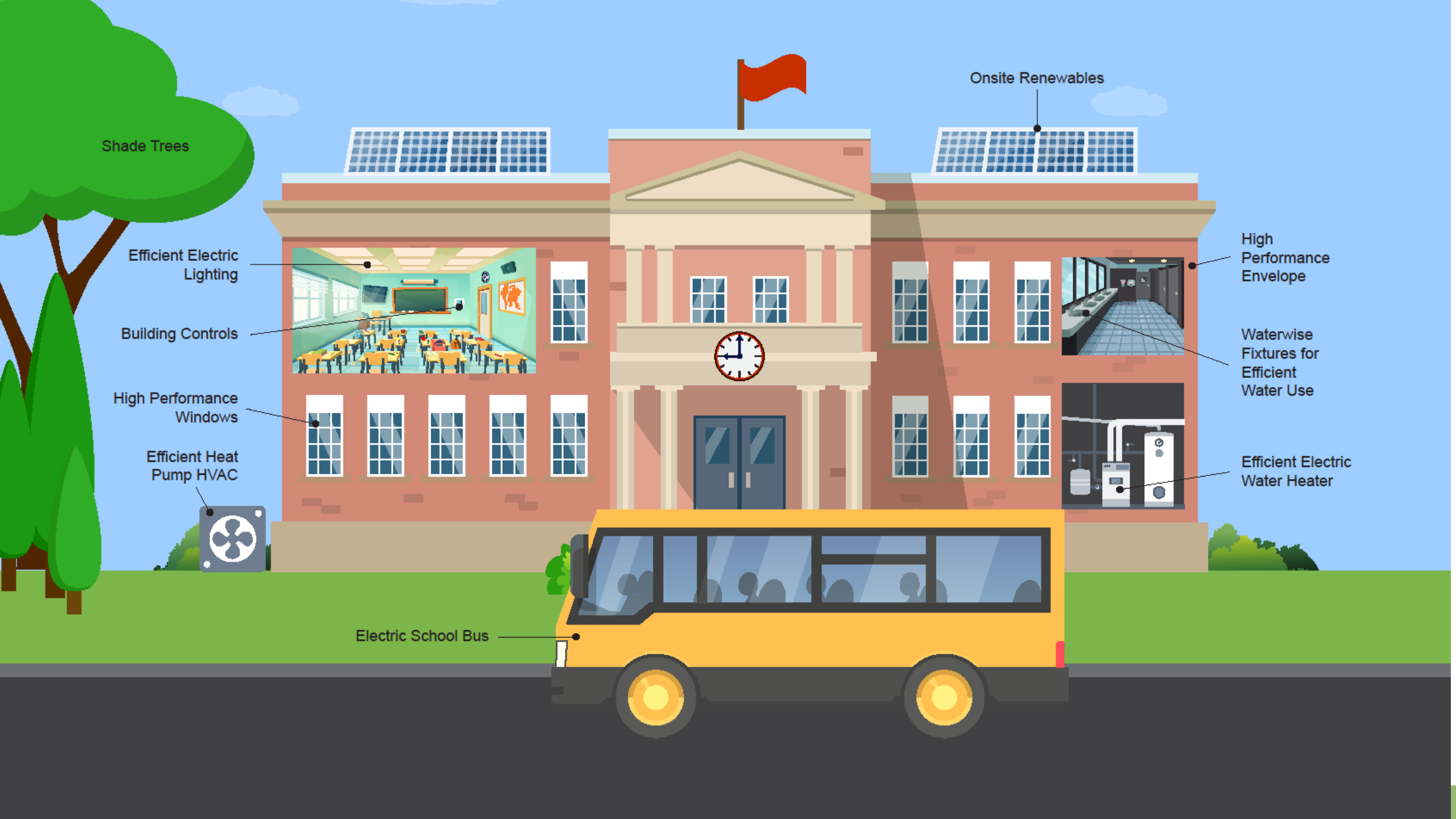
If **only 16%** of high school students in high- and middle-income countries received climate change education, we could see a nearly **19 gigaton reduction of carbon dioxide by 2050**



Sustainable Building Performance

The building is a system

HEATING & COOLING
ENVELOPE MECHANICAL SYSTEMS
PLUMBING CONVECTION RADIATION
STRUCTURE CONDUCTION
ELECTRICAL
THERMAL BOUNDARY AIR BARRIER
LIGHTING VENTILATION AIR LEAKAGE
AIR FLOW HEAT FLOW CAPILLARITY MOISTURE
WIND MOISTURE FLOW DIFFUSION CONTROL
STACK EFFECT BULK MOISTURE



Shade Trees

Onsite Renewables

Efficient Electric Lighting

Building Controls

High Performance Windows

Efficient Heat Pump HVAC

Electric School Bus

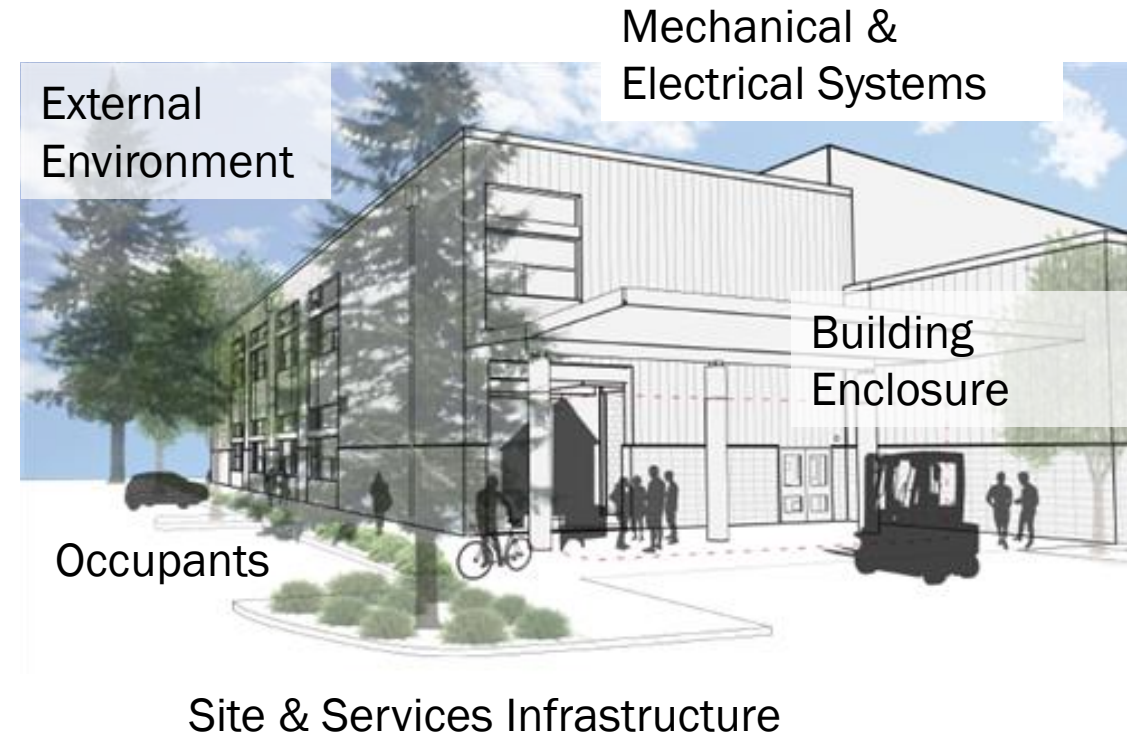
High Performance Envelope

Waterwise Fixtures for Efficient Water Use

Efficient Electric Water Heater

The building is a system

- Everything is connected! When planning one system upgrade, consider the impact on the building overall to ensure improved performance
 - Consider both first cost and ongoing equipment costs
- Occupancy in schools matters, and it goes beyond normal school hours



<https://www.pps.net/Page/14926>

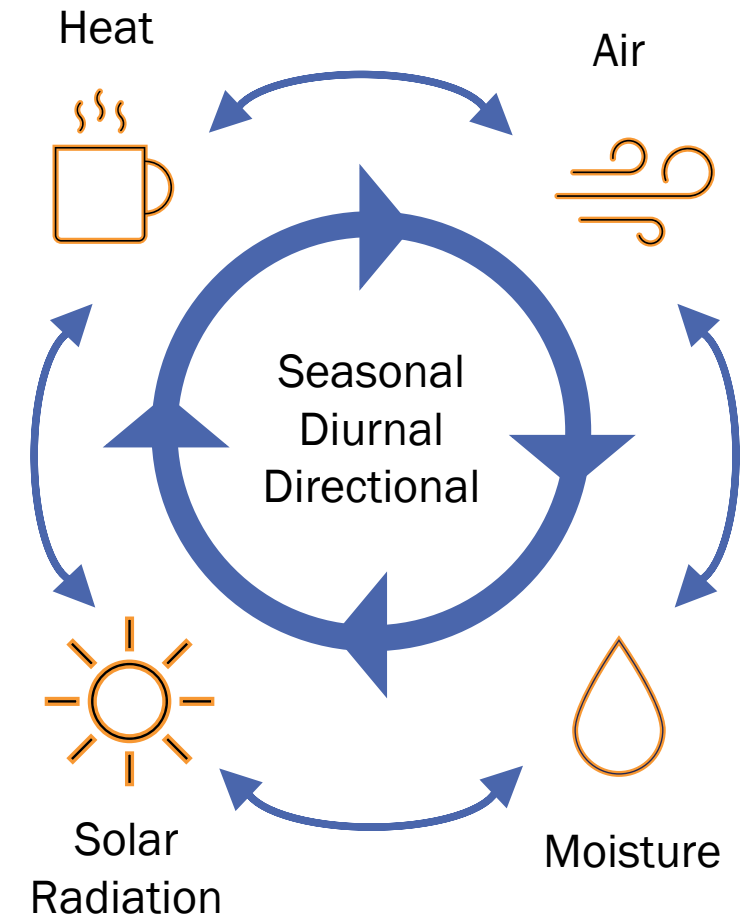
The building is a system

- Rule of thumb: elements will follow the path of least resistance to create equilibrium

Winter example

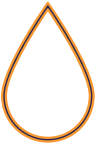



(Cold outside, warm inside):

- Heat and warm moist air escape
- Heating system must make up for lost heat
- Humidification required for lost moisture

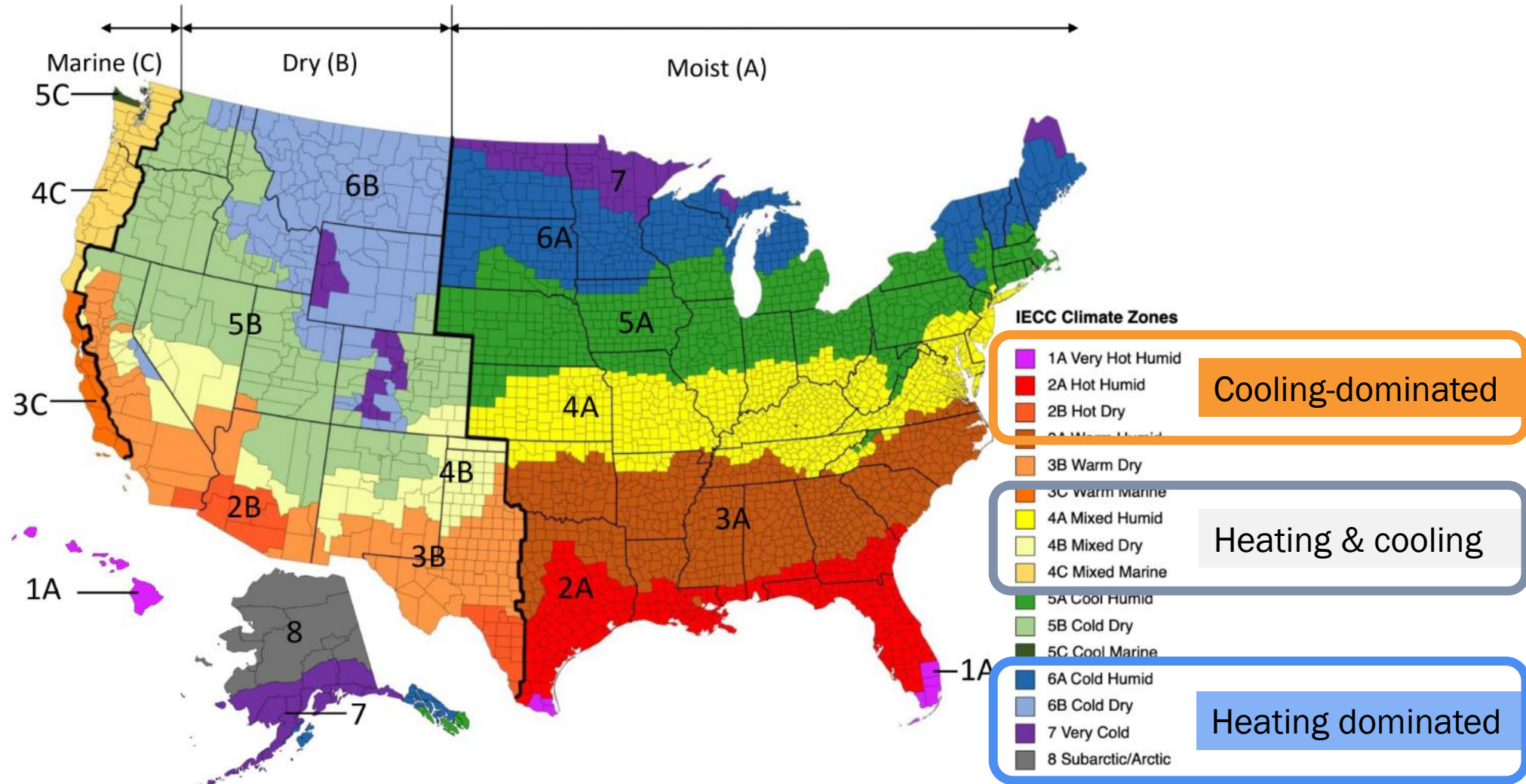


Source: <https://www.wbdg.org/resources/building-science-concepts>

Climate specific design

	<h3>Water</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rain • Capillary action (flowing up from ground) 	<h3>Vapor</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Condensation • Diffusion • Transported via air leaks 	
	<h3>Air Flow</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unintentional Ventilation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infiltration & Exfiltration • Intentional Ventilation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mechanical and Passive 	<h3>Heat Transfer</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduction • Convection • Radiation 	

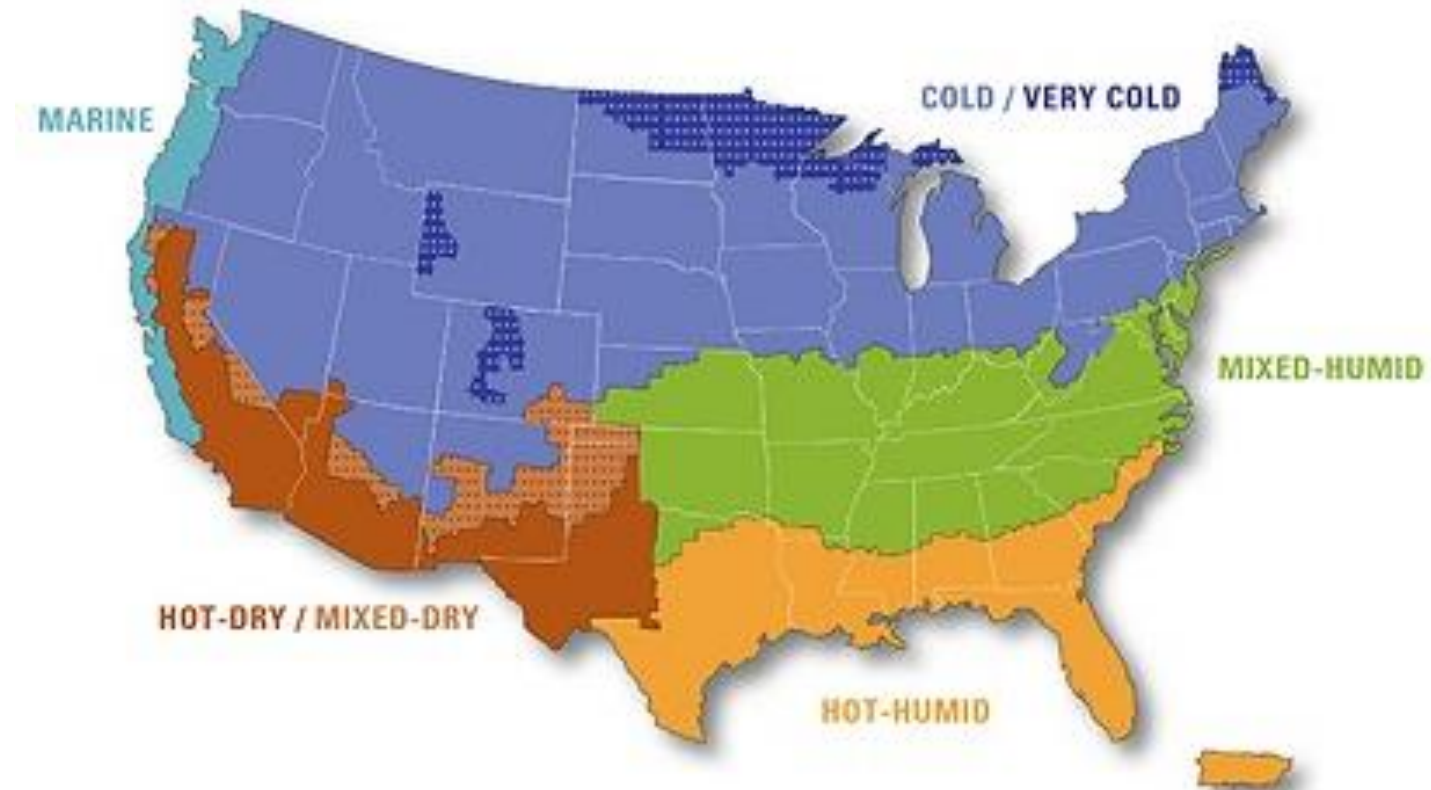
Climate specific design



Source: <https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/IECC2021P1>

Climate specific design

- Weather norms
 - Precipitation
 - Flooding and stormwater management
 - Tornadoes and high winds
 - Seismic events
 - Forest fires
- Outdoor air pollution levels
- Ambient noise



Source: <https://www.energy.gov/eere/buildings/building-america-climate-specific-guidance>

Linking back to sustainability

- Consider the building as a system and how to limit environmental impact during all phases of the building life cycle:
 - Proper siting
 - Energy use optimization
 - Water conservation and protection
 - Responsible material selection and use
 - High IEQ
 - Operational & Maintenance Practices
- Many resources and programs offer metrics to assess sustainability



Stretch break!

Please move your body or grab what you need to. This will be quick!

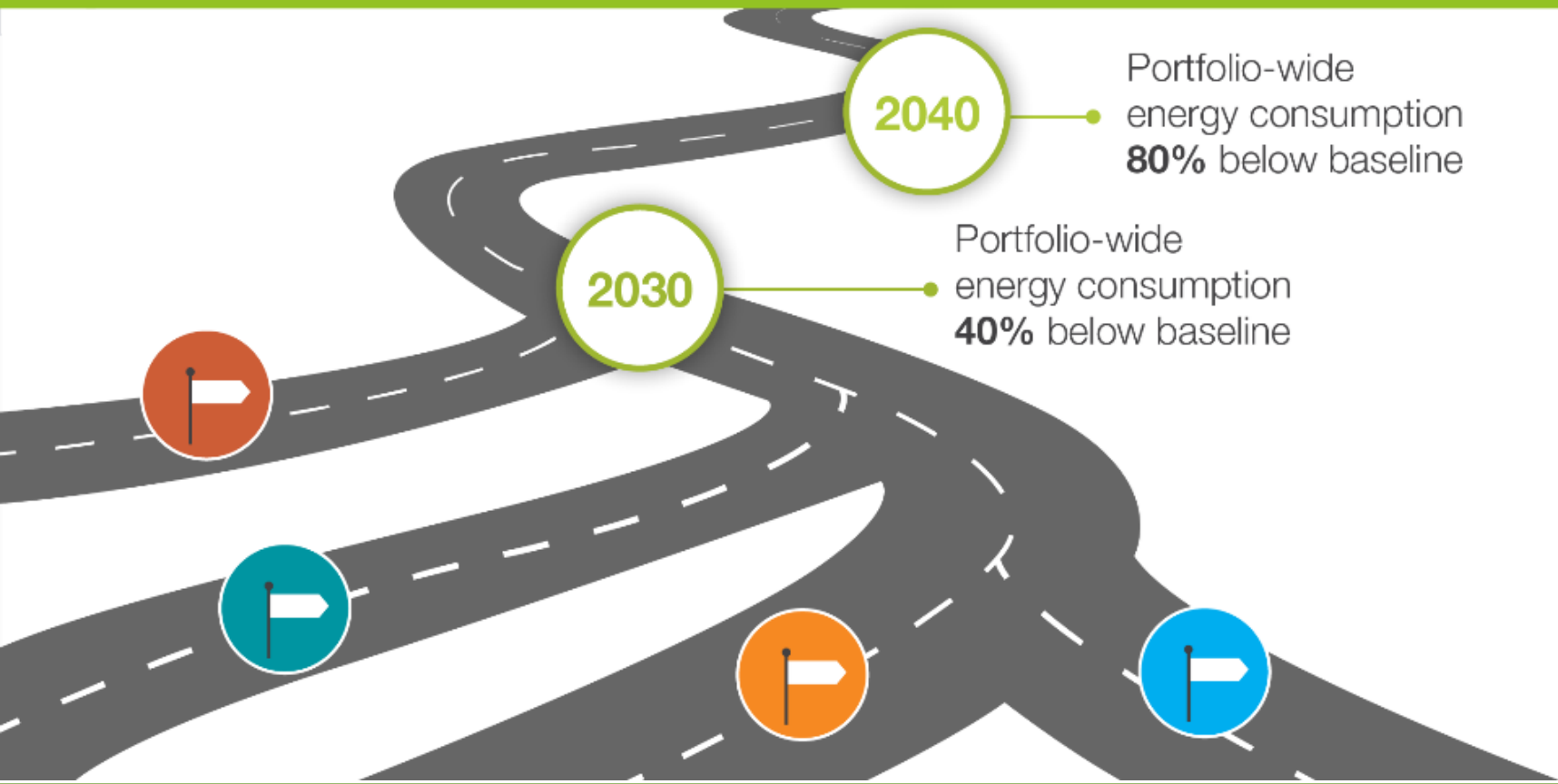
Project Planning

Overall approach

Getting to zero over time is a concept that ensures the correct tools are in place to address a building lifecycle event in a way that aligns with the school district's long-term energy and carbon reduction goals.



2045 Carbon Neutral School Building Portfolio



2040

Portfolio-wide energy consumption **80%** below baseline

2030

Portfolio-wide energy consumption **40%** below baseline



New Construction

EUI of 20 kBtu/sf-yr
All-electric Zero Net Energy capable.



Major Modernization

EUI of 25-30 kBtu/sf-yr
Remove natural gas where possible.



Retrofits

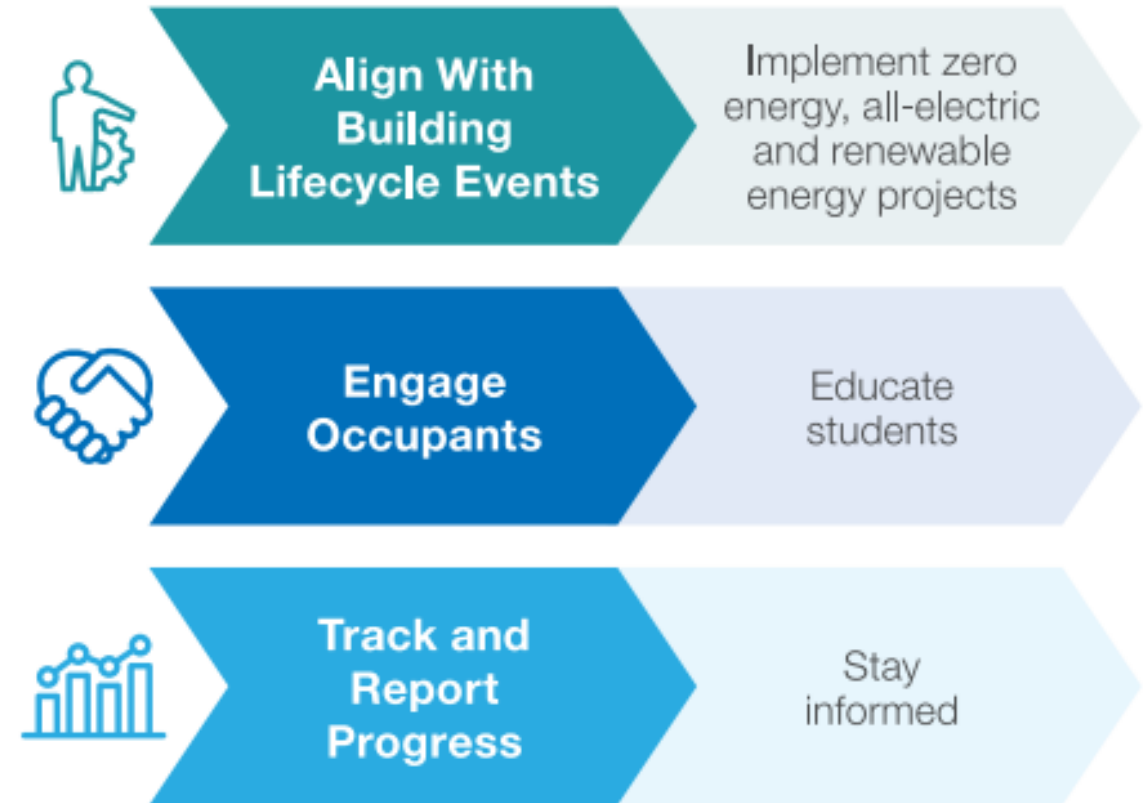
Highly efficient systems.
Remove natural gas where possible.



System Replacement

Always replace with "better-than" systems.

High-level process



Assembling a team

Decision makers	School Business Officer or Official Superintendent or Asst Superintendent
Planning & Development	Planning and Construction Sustainability Kitchen and Nutrition Services Facilities and Grounds
Support Staff	Transportation Maintenance and Operations Information Technology
Occupants	Teachers Students
Community	Communications Team PTA

Appendix B: Common Stakeholders and Their Roles in Carbon Neutrality

TABLE 1

Role	Role in Decarbonization Process	Drivers
Stakeholders: School Board Members, Superintendents, Chief Business Officials (CBOs)	School board members, Superintendents, and CBOs are the primary decision makers and financial managers for school districts and school facilities. They routinely seek input from the community, students, staff, and a wide range of consultants in decision-making.	Excellence in education for every child at every level by focusing on quality instruction, educational outcomes, healthy school building, sustaining an equitable culture, and ensuring the financial health of the district.
Stakeholders: Capital Projects and Planning Department	The Capital Projects and Planning Department manages planning, design, construction and renovation of all facilities.	To support the School District mission, Facilities Planning provides professional expertise to the Board, the Administration and to other departments within the District. The goal is to provide each student, faculty, staff and patron with a safe, comfortable and functional campus environment.
Stakeholders: Occupants: Principals, Teachers, Students, Parents	As the main occupants of schools, teachers, staff and students provide insight into day to day operations and any issues that may be missed by stakeholders at the district level. They are champions for their own health and well-being and constructive carbon neutrality.	To motivate, inspire, encourage, and support students by providing a safe and secure environment to educate them socially, emotionally...



Assessment Phase

- ❑ Stock take
- ❑ Understand current energy use:
 - Utilities
 - Meters
 - Tracking mechanism





Documents to Inform the Stock Take
Before you get started on the roadmap development, take stock of current stakeholders and activities in the district as they pertain to sustainability, energy, and/or carbon emissions. This initial data dive is called a stock take. It is helpful to uncover relevant plans, goals, and policies as they currently exist in the district.

Roadmap Planner Table 1
Stock Take List and Location of Documents to Inform Roadmap
in the Roadmap Planner can be used as a place to track and organize documents.


Documents to Inform Roadmap Collected During the Stock Take

- Goals:** A list of documentation of any district goals regarding buildings, health, efficiency, or sustainability. Might be found in district resolutions formally or informally adopting sustainability goals, plans, or practices.
- Technical specifications for district facilities:** Technical design and construction specifications for building projects. Often found in Capital Planning or Facility department documents.
- Procurement requirements:** Policies or documentation outlining procurement practices. These might apply to equipment or buildings and may even apply down to food and paper products. Typically, these documents are found in Capital Planning or Facility department documents, but also may be centralized in the administrative team in smaller districts.
- Technical specifications:** "Tech specs" are detailed descriptions indicating all the requirements that cannot be represented or described clearly in construction drawings. In schools, these are often related to the educational philosophy, approach, programs, and goals and translates them into facility requirements. The technical specifications then describe the technical requirements that achieve the facility requirements.
- Owners Project Requirements (OPR):** An OPR forms the basis from which all design, construction projects. Often these can be found in the Capital Planning department if this is a document your construction teams utilize.
- Energy or carbon report to school board:** In districts that have begun public reporting of energy use or carbon emissions. This can be in the form of a simple graph, a website, or more comprehensive annual report. Check with your facilities or sustainability team to see if something like this exists for your district.
- School district organizational chart:** Chart of school district departments to help identify stakeholders and decision makers.





STATE & COMMUNITY ENERGY PROGRAMS



I. Introduction: School Energy Assessment (SEA) Form

This form is designed to help you walk through your school and collect specific information that will be useful for providing an assessment of the facility, capturing important building characteristics including heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system details, and site energy use intensity (EUI). Collecting this information is an important first step in identifying potential retrofit opportunities for your



Stock Take



Existing Building Assessments

- Unique design features
- Daylighting opportunities, shading
- Air sealing and heat recovery ventilation
- Lighting, unique conditions
- HVAC condition and replacement schedule
- Portables – lighting and HVAC condition
- BMS/occupancy sensors and patterns
- Opportunities in the kitchen



Newcastle Elementary School, Newcastle, CA
Photo Courtesy of Point Energy Innovations



ASHRAE Audits

- Formal energy audit/assessment framework that can be used as an evaluation tool
- Three Levels, depending on where you are at:
 - **Level 1:** identify low-cost or no-cost opportunities for energy savings and areas of energy waste
 - **Level 2:** more detailed building characteristics survey, energy usage and cost analysis
 - **Level 3:** focus on the capital-intensive improvements identified during the level 2 analysis, including comprehensive energy models and a detailed report with project costs, expected savings, and a thorough life cycle cost analysis



Goal Setting: M&V

- How will project success be evaluated?
 - Energy savings
 - GHG reduction
 - EUI (based on energy consumption)
 - Occupant satisfaction
 - ROI
- Measurement & Verification is used to:
 - Determine baselines and estimated savings
 - Verify post-project performance of energy efficiency measures
 - Document ongoing performance



Goal Setting: M&V Plans

- Measurement & Verification (M&V) Plans outline how projects will be evaluated to ensure goals are achieved, including:
 - Baseline data
 - Documentation of all assumptions and data sources
 - Who, what, when of M&V activities
 - Details of engineering analysis (if applicable)
 - How energy and cost savings will be calculated
 - Reporting responsibilities, content, and format



Lifecycle Opportunities

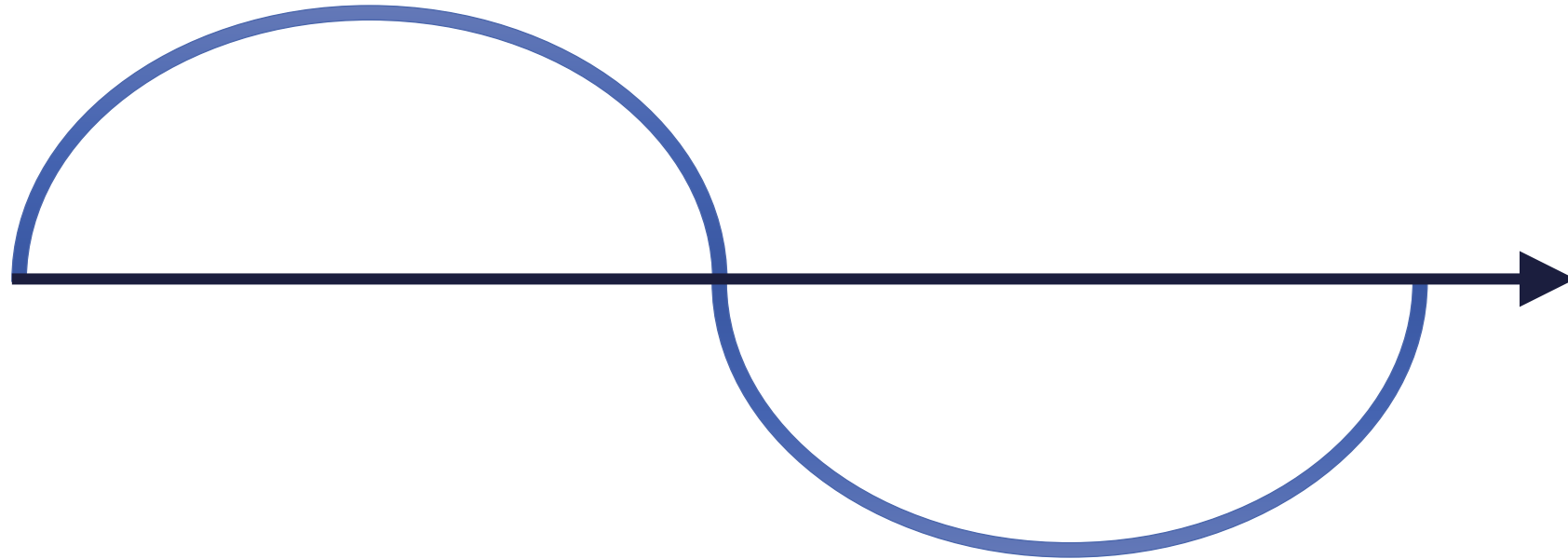
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- Major Renovation
- Equipment Replacement
- Operations and Retro-Commissioning
- Bond and Stakeholder Turnover



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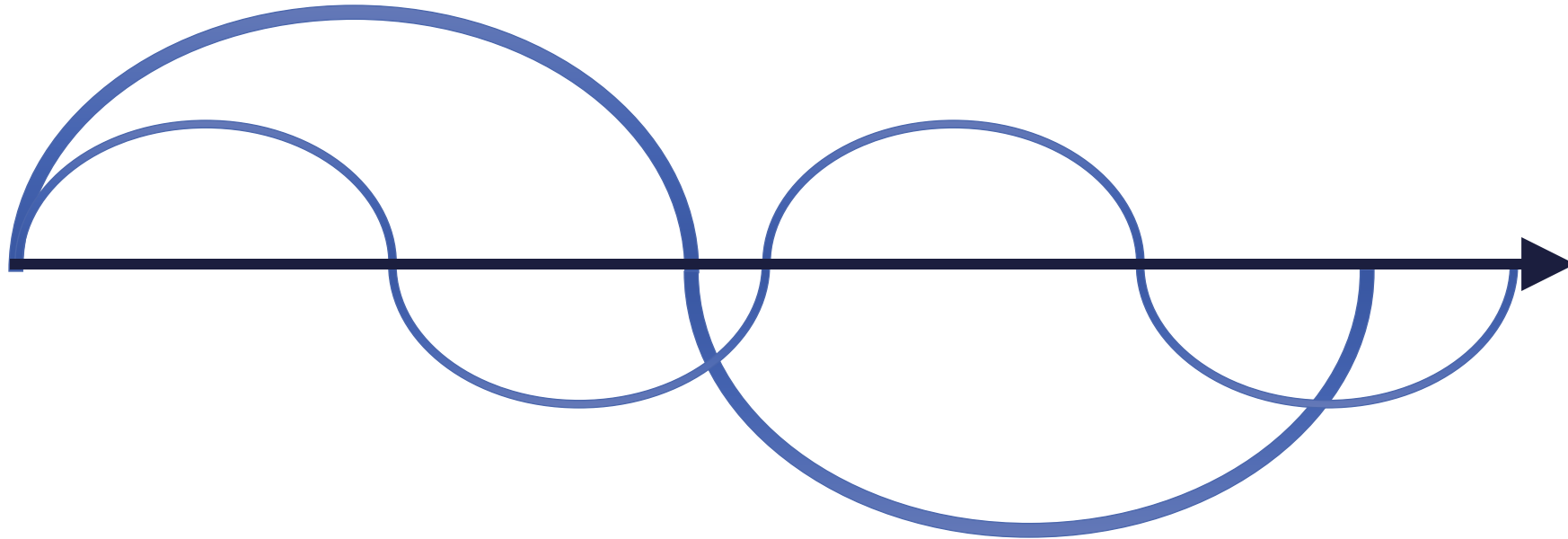
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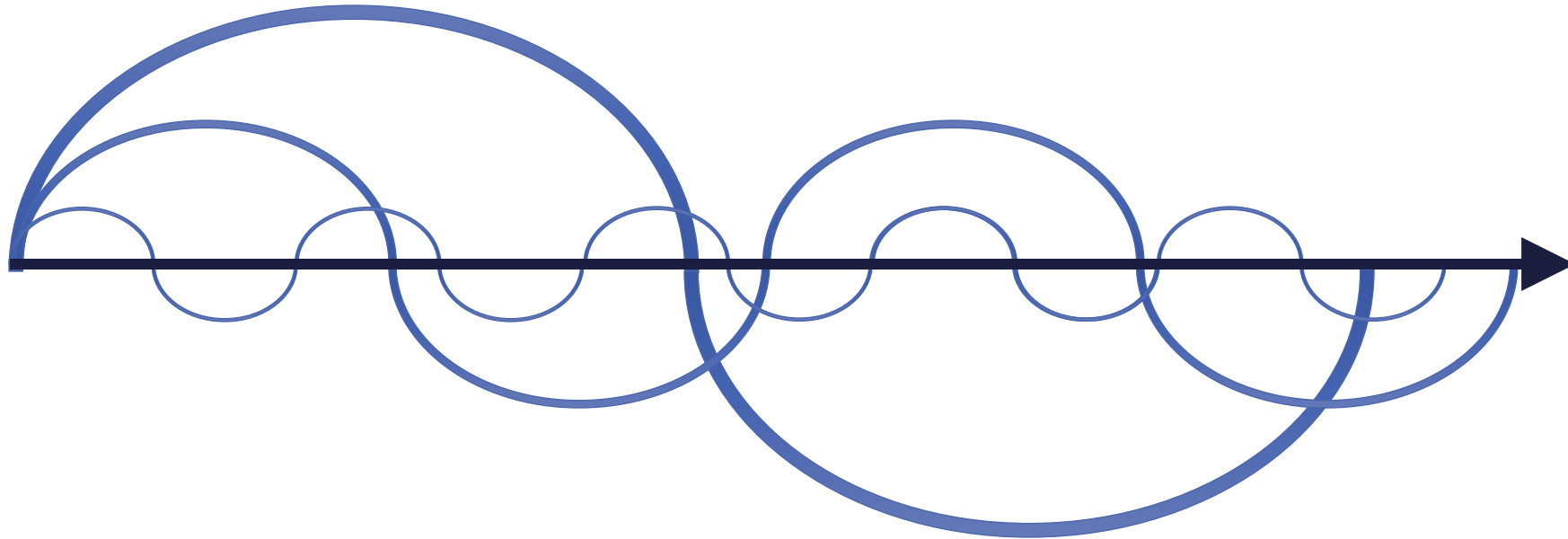
Major Renovation – 30-50 Years

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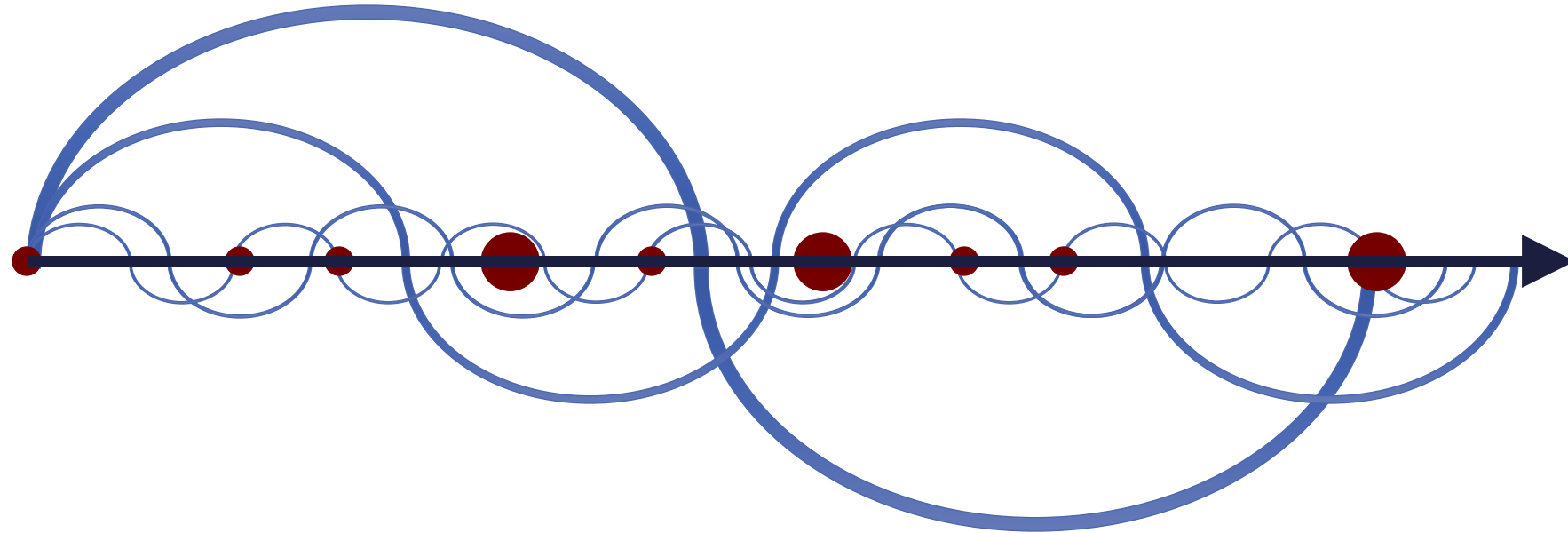
HVAC Replacement – 15-20 Years

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Lighting Retrofit – 5-7 Years

Lifecycle Opportunities



Bond Measures and Stakeholder Turnover

Loading order

1. Consider comfort & health first
 - Thermal, acoustic, lighting, views
2. Start with load reduction via efficiency measures
 - Daylighting & other envelope measures
 - Plug loads
 - Lighting loads
3. Look for additional load reduction using mechanical system selection decisions
 - HVAC equipment
4. Investigate EVs, PVs, and renewables



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Retrofit Considerations

- Small renovations/repairs, using operating budget vs. large capital construction projects
- Consider unique conditions:
 - Planned retrofits
 - Behavior and preferences
 - Maintenance team needs
 - Peculiar local requirements/inspectors
 - Savings-to-investment ratio limitations



Source: CMTA, Inc.



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New Construction Considerations

- Orientation and passive design
- Ensuring there is adequate site infrastructure (e.g., electric capacity)
- Selecting efficient, all-electric technologies
- Specify centralized controls
- Consider renewables, EVs, and battery integration
 - Make choices to enable these more easily in the future if not an option at present



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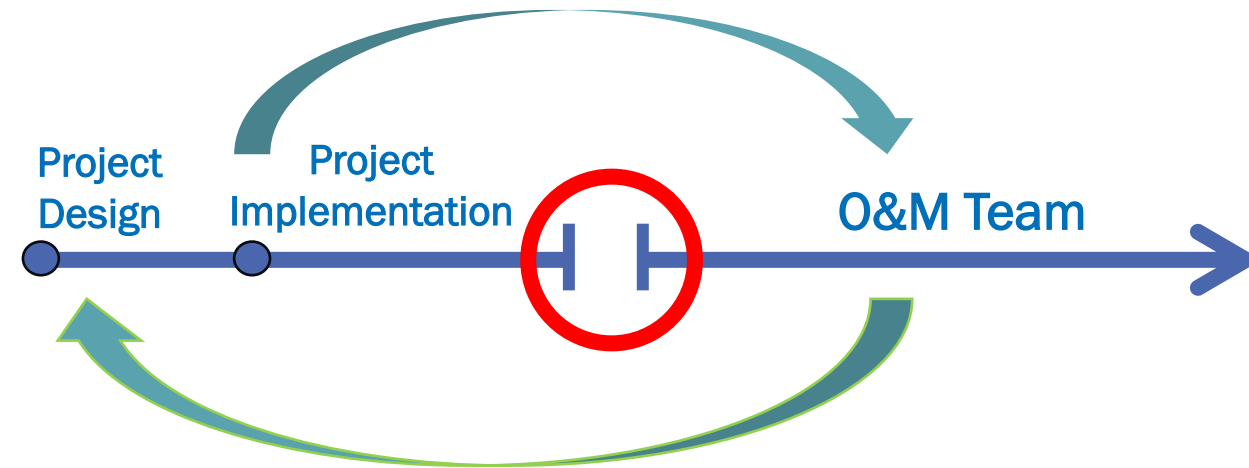
The importance of commissioning

- Commissioning ensures the building is delivered according to the OPR
- A Commissioning Agent can train owners and occupants to properly use the system(s) for maximum efficiency
- Ongoing retrocommissioning ensures the system continues to provide expected performance
- Maintain records to track findings and provide a quality assurance mechanism



Operations

- Design with O&M in mind
- Set points and scheduling
- Develop O&M manual and program
 - Include equipment specifications
 - Coordinate with OPR
 - Energy evaluation
 - Benchmarking and metering is key
- Train building operators and occupants
- Conduct ongoing commissioning



Operations

- Meter and monitor energy performance
 - Provide real time energy use feedback
 - Smart energy meters can be relatively cheap, and also inform on power quality or used by IT at locations with significant IT infrastructure
 - Provide visual display and feedback for users
 - Education program for teachers, staff, and students
 - Use M&V, commissioning records, benchmarking to measure and report regularly
- Building automation system review
- Compare to predictions
- Report on progress toward goals



Discussion

1. What ways do you see building systems directly impacting your staff and students?
2. What aspects or systems of your building have been the most successful? Most challenging?
3. What building systems are you most interested in learning about in Live Session 2?

Thank you!



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