

# CASDEM MEETING SVVSD HIGHLIGHTS: ENERGY & SUSTAINABILITY

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# Agenda

- 1. Solar Systems
- 2. Resource-Wise Program
- 3. EV & EVSE Project

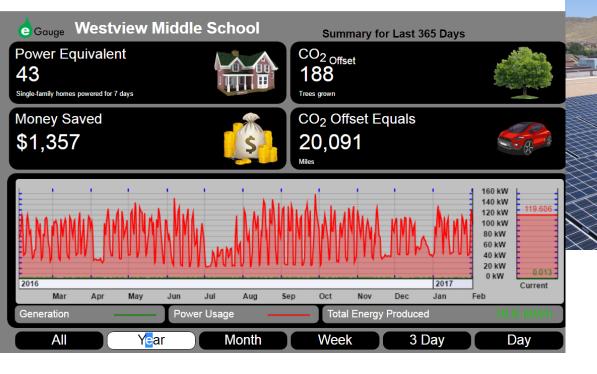


# Solar System Project Overview

- Request for Proposals went out in June 2015 for solar power purchasing agreements
- Selected Advanced Energy Systems based on best pricing and terms
- Secured Xcel's solar rewards through extremely competitive application in April, July, and October 2016
- 5 rooftop systems (1.7MW):
  - Red Hawk ES: 250 KW
  - Erie ES: 200 KW
  - Erie MS: 500 KW
  - Niwot HS: 500 KW
  - Niwot ES: 250 KW
- Expected annual solar production: 2,650,776 kWh's

# Renewable Energy Objectives

- Clean Energy
- Mitigate current and future risk against rising electricity prices
- Educational opportunities



# Power Purchasing Agreement

- No upfront cost
- 20 year contract with buyout option starting end of year 6
- We pay for solar generation to AES instead of paying for that electricity from Xcel
- Through the PPA we have negotiated a price of \$.035 per kWh,
   0% escalator
- We only pay for what is generated
- This includes the Xcel solar reward which equals \$.05 per kWh!
- We currently pay \$.035-.041 per kWh to Xcel so we are saving in year 1
- Roof remove/repair is included in contract at no added cost
- Operations and maintenance included in contract

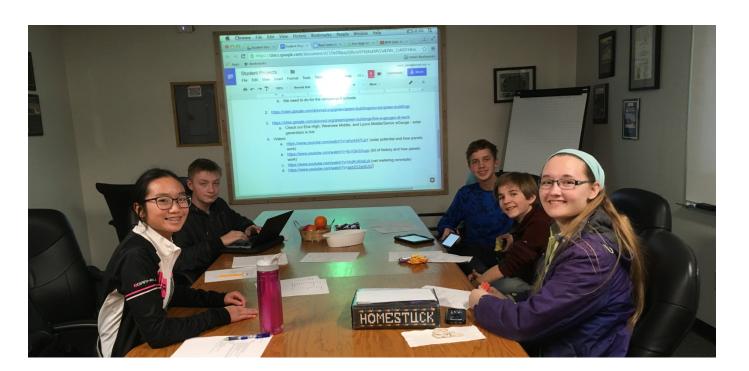
## District Ownership

- Upfront cost of \$3M \$4M
- Savings from solar generation as direct reduction on electric bills
- District receives \$0.05/kWh solar rewards on generation
- Responsible for operations, maintenance, system failures, roof removal and replacement
- Savings begin in year 12-19 depending on cost

Solar Project Financing Structures	Pros	Cons	25 Year Savings	Notes
PPA (Buyout option <b>not</b> executed)	-District presence minimal -No upfront cost -Maintenance covered -Predetermined electricity prices for 20 years -No rate escalator for 20 years -Pay only for energy generated -System gifted at 20 years -Buyout options at year 6-20	-Lose control over roof usage -20 year project horizon if buyout not executed -Other people on roof -What happens if the school is closed or sold?	\$1,254,000	Solution: Access to roof during non school hours in contract *Include in contract what happens if school is closed or sold
PPA/Buyout at Year 6	-District presence minimal -No upfront cost -Maintenance covered -Pay only for energy generated -Buyout options at year 6-20 -Opportunity to learn solar system needs year 1-6 -Energy prepaid years 6+ -No other people on roof years 6+ -Regain complete control over roof years 6+	-Lose control over roof usage for 6 years -6 year commitment -Other people on roof years 1-6 -Year 6 capital expense -District responsible for system maintenance year 6+ Insurance cost year 6+	\$750,000 - \$1,500,000 (depends on buyout price)	Solution: Access to roof during non school hours in contract *Include in contract what happens if school is closed or sold
District Owned	-District control over roof usage -No other people on the roof -Energy prepaid year 0+	-Significant upfront capital expense plus cost of capital -District responsible for project management/system maintenance -Train staff or hire contractors to do repairs -Insurance cost -No federal tax credit	\$500,000 - \$1,500,000 (depends on upfront cost)	

## Student Solar Committee

- 10 students 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade from all over the district
- Two Teams
  - Research & Knowledge (videos, website materials)
  - Communications & Presentation (BOE, press releases)



# Resource-Wise Program Mission

- The Resource-Wise program was created to build upon the success of the Renew Our Schools competitions and other SVVSD Energy & Sustainability Department programs, which reward and recognize schools for reducing their energy use and other environmentally conscious efforts. RW supports the creativity of students and staff in developing initiatives that change resource use behaviors and reduce the financial and environmental impact of our buildings.
- Links & Info:
  - svvsd.org/green/esp-strategies/eci-program
  - Resource-Wise program Google Doc folder for Leaders

## Why Resource-Wise?



School-wide incentives



 Students & staff are equipped with the tools and knowledge to act as environmental stewards



 More efficient schools = improved building performance & occupant comfort



Be part of the solution!

## Resource-Wise Overview

- Pilot 3 schools 2014-2015, 8 schools 2015-2016, 14 schools 2016-2017
- Full academic school year
- RW Leaders earns 2.0 professional development credits OR \$500 stipend, minimum of 15-20 hours per semester
- Engaging school community is critical to program success (staff, teachers, students, custodians, etc.)
- Shared savings for 4 months:
  - November, February, March, April
- Matrix for waste, water, environmental quality, green site projects; earn additional funds
- Funds earned used for energy or environmental materials, upgrades, field trips, toolkits etc.
- September training, site visits, final written report & results meeting in May

## Tools & Resources

- >School Energy Profile Report
- >RW Toolkit
- Energy Toolkit (kill-a-watt, digital light meter, infrared thermometer)
- > External Experts & District Staff
- Cube Dashboard
- >eGauge
- >PLT GreenSchools!

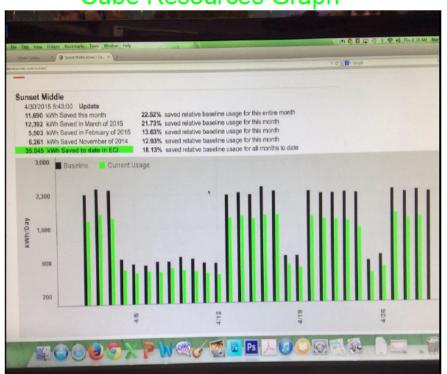


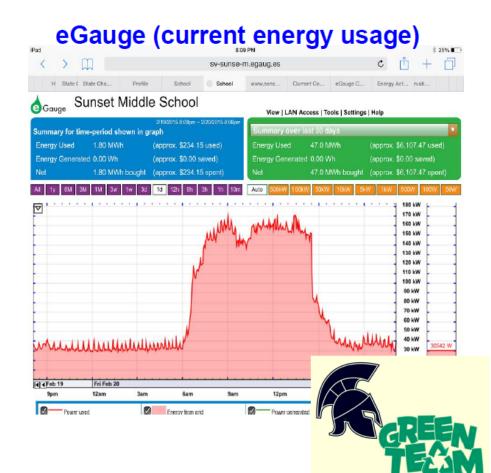
## Measuring Progress

(Sunset Middle Presentation)

### Energy Savings (compared to baseline usage)

**Cube Resources Graph** 





#### 2. Number of Club Members



2014 (our first year)

12 members attended meetings and activities.

2015

24 different members attended meetings and activities

WE HAD AN 100%
INCREASE IN MEMBERS
FROM OUR FIRST YEAR.



#### 3. AUDIT DATA --- BEHAVIOR CHANGE

You can use AUDIT DATA to show BEHAVIOR CHANGE.

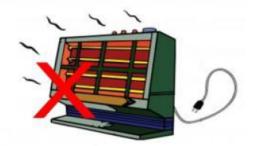
2014 66% (29/44 of staff members in classroom their own mini-fridge, microwave, coffee pot etc.)

2015 39% (17/44) of staff members were using those appliances in their rooms.

That is a 27% reduction of appliance use over last year.













## Summary of energy savings

			kWh Saved				
	November	February	March	April	Total		
Black Rock Elementary	1,739	1,268	2,680	2,206	7,893		
Burlington Elementary	1,094	2,021	2,000	1,760	6,875		
Eagle Crest Elementary	1,067	2,230	2,642	2,126	8,066		
Longmont Estates Elementary	1,294	3,000	3,121	2,877	10,292		
Mead Middle School	651	1,557	3,501	3,570	9,280		
Rocky Mountain Elementary	98	1,095	1,716	1,245	4,153		
Sunset Middle School	3,989	5,932	9,191	8,299	27,410		
Westview Middle School	1,138	3,139	1,674	989	6,940		
	11,070	20,241	26,527	23,072	80,909		
	% Saved						
	November	February	March	April	Total		
Black Rock Elementary	4.9%	3.4%	6.4%	6.2%	5.2%		
Burlington Elementary	5.1%	8.8%	7.7%	7.9%	7.4%		
Eagle Crest Elementary	3.3%	6.2%	6.6%	6.4%	5.7%		
Longmont Estates Elementary	4.9%	10.8%	10.3%	11.2%	9.3%		
Mead Middle School	1.8%	3.9%	7.9%	9.9%	5.9%		
Rocky Mountain Elementary	0.4%	3.9%	5.4%	4.6%	3.7%		
Sunset Middle School	8.8%	12.4%	17.1%	18.3%	14.3%		
Westview Middle School	2.2%	5.6%	2.7%	1.8%	3.1%		
	\$ Saved at \$0.09/kWh						
	November	February	March	April	Total		
Black Rock Elementary	\$156	\$114	\$241	\$199	\$710		
Burlington Elementary	\$98	\$182	\$180	\$158	\$619		
Eagle Crest Elementary	\$96	\$201	\$238	\$191	\$726		
Longmont Estates Elementary	\$116	\$270	\$281	\$259	\$926		
Mead Middle School	\$59	\$140	\$315	\$321	\$835		
Rocky Mountain Elementary	\$9	\$99	\$154	\$112	\$374		
Sunset Middle School	\$359	\$534	\$827	\$747	\$2,467		
Westview Middle School	\$102	\$282	\$151	\$89	\$625		
	\$996	\$1,822	\$2,387	\$2,077	\$7,282		

# Highlights from student learning

- Lessons around why energy is a vital element in human survival
- Lessons around carbon and the ozone layer
- Learning what you can do as a student to make a difference
- Signs, posters, tips, morning announcements, blog postings

eGauge tool for classroom instruction (math,

science, project learning etc.)

- Renewables vs nonrenewables
- NREL resources/field trip
- Passive solar still competition
- PLT materials
- Increased recycling efforts
- Earth Day events



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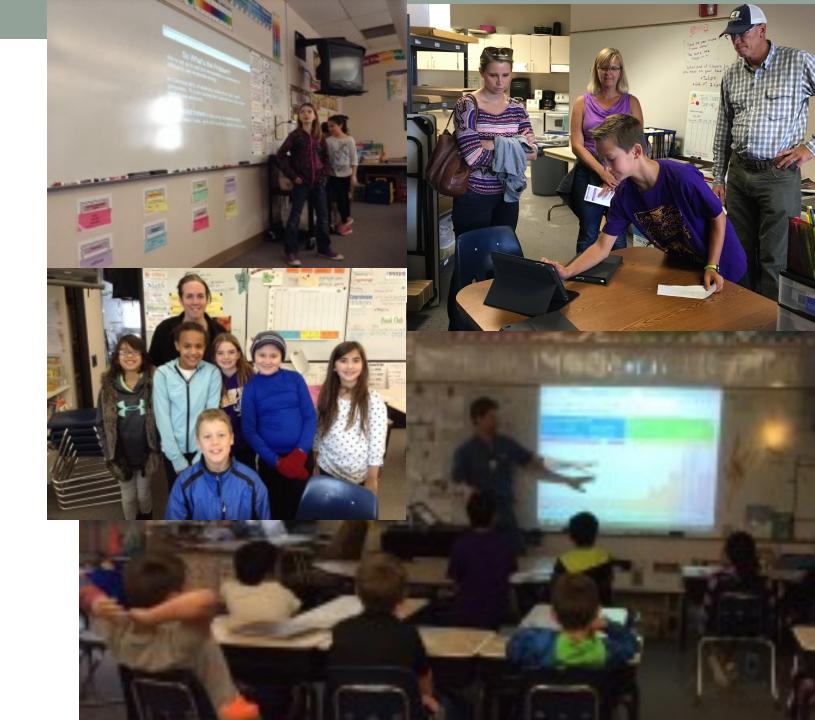
## **Green Team Conservation Tactics**

#### Delamping:

- Based on district light level requirements and light meter measurements
- Get approval to remove lamps and always use custodians or staff
- Reducing excessive light improves student comfort and student productivity

#### Plug Loads:

- Steadily grows
- Use kill-a-watts to determine energy hogs
   Idle Equipment:
- AV systems, egress, server rooms opportunities for change HVAC:
- Influence schedules, policy, procedures
- Weatherproof and address comfort issues



# Eagle Crest Elementary Videos

E-Gauge by Ben and Julia

Classroom Sustainability by Alyssa and
Ruby

Computer Lab and Tools by Ben and Conner

Natural Light by Ryder and Tyler

Recycling and Composting Presentation by Alyssa

The Teachers' Lounge by Ryder

Water Faucets by Julia and Sofia

## SVVSD EV & EVSE Project: RAQC Grant

#### 9 EV Supply Equipment

- Grant covers 80% of materials + labor up to \$6,260 per station
- Data collection, payment, scheduling features

#### 2 EV's

 Grant covers 80% of the incremental cost differential between an EV and a comparable gasoline vehicle up to \$8,260 Solar carports at several sites



## Questions? Thank you!

