# Engagement



- **1.** What are attributes of a High Performance School?
- **2.** What knowledge gaps exist?
- **3.** What challenges are there to achieving a high performance school?
- **4.** What additional tools can we provide?



# Building Excellence The Blueprint for High Performance Environments and the Financial Advantage



### **Today's Session Team**





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Division of the State

### Who are you?

# What is your role in enhancing educational environments?









#### WHAT IS A HP SCHOOL? WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

#### CHPS RESOURCE AND TOOLS

LOS ANGELES USD RESULTS AND CASE STUDIES

DSA WHERE WE ARE & ARE GOING







# What is a HP Environment and What are the Financial Benefits















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#### If you were a professional driver

- Which would you **rather drive**?
- Which would give you greater job satisfaction?
- Would you drive somewhere else if they offered you the newer car?





- Which one safer?
- Which has lower operating cost?
- Which is **healthier** for the driver? For the community?
- Which is more **sustainable**?
- Which is more **equitable**?





### How do we accelerate this transition?











# Working Definition:

High performance schools include decades of design iteration, feedback, and research, holistically centered on student outcomes. **0.65** Impact, in grade levels, of moving an average child from the worst classroom to the best

### **Academic Achievement**

Factors affecting the gap between the highest and lowest achieving students.

#### 16% Quality of the Classroom Environment

#### 84% All other Factors

- Socioeconomic
- Teacher quality
- Family Support
- Nutrition
- o Sleep
- o Etc.



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### "First we shape our buildings; thereafter they shape us." - Winston Churchill

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#### What is a High Performance School?

- Code
- Sustainable
- Responsive to Climate Realities
- Health and Wellness
- Flexible
- Fostering Community
- Conserving Resources
- Future Forward
- Adaptable
- Maximizing daylight
- Safe
- Educational
- Aspirational
- A Teaching Tool
- Great acoustics
- Low Emitting Materials
- Efficient and Right Sized Systems
- Renewable materials and energy
- Electrification
- Safe and Secure













#### Call to action: Create better than just Adequate environments



#### Infuse higher level needs for long term benefits. Physiological are short term – psychological benefits are long term.





Maslow's hierarchy is an interrelated set of variants that needs to work together toward a higher purpose.

Like our educational environments, these needs are interrelated.





Kaufman's (2020) Sailboat Metaphor Representing Deficiency and Growth Needs.

The call to Action:

When scoping projects, ensure that Growth Needs are Optimized along with the Deficiency Needs







### Attributes that provide physiological benefits:

- The need for change (comfortable variations in light, air, temperature, etc.)
- 2. The ability to act on our environment and see the effects of our actions
- 3. Meaningful stimuli
- 4. Places of refuge
- 5. Positive view to the outside



# **Principles of Biophilia**

Visual Connection with Nature Non-Visual Connection with Nature Non-Rhythmic Sensory Stimuli Thermal & Airflow Variablility Presence of Water Dynamic and Diffuse Light **Connection with Natural Systems Biomorphic Forms and Patterns** Material Connection with nature Complexity & Order Prospect Refuge Mystery **Risk/Peril** 

14	PATTERNS	•	STRESS REDUCTION	COGNITIVE PERFORMANCE	EMOTION, MOOD & PREFERENCE
	Visual Connection with Nature	:	Lowered blood pressure and heart rate (Brown, Barton & Gladwell, 2013; van den Berg, Hartig, & Staats, 2007; Tsunetsugu & Miyazaki, 2005)	Improved mental engagement/ attentiveness (Biederman & Vessel, 2006)	Positively impacted attitude and overall happiness (Barton & Pretty, 2010)
	Non-Visual Connection with Nature	:	Reduced systolic blood pressure and stress hormones (Park, Tsunetsugu, Kasetani et al., 2009; Hartig, Evans, Jammer et al., 2003; Orsega Smith, Mowen, Payne et al., 2004; Ulrich, Simons, Losito et al., 1991)	Positively impacted on cognitive performance (Mehta, Zhu & Cheema, 2012; Ljungberg, Neely, & Lundström, 2004)	Perceived improvements in mental health and tranquility (Li, Kobayashi, Isagaki et al., 2012; Jahncke, et al., 2011; Tsunetsugu, Park, & Myazaki, 2010; Kim, Ren, & Fielding, 2007; Stigsdotter & Grahn, 2003)
	Non-Rhythmic Sensory Stimuli	:	Positively impacted on heart rate, systolic blood pressure and sympathetic nervous system activity II, 2009; Park et al., 2008; Kahn et al., 2008; Beauchamp, et al., 2003; Ulrich et al., 1991)	Observed and quantified behavioral measures of attention and exploration (Windhager et al., 2011)	
	Thermal & Airflow Variability	:	Positively impacted comfort, well-being and productivity Øleerwagen, 2006; Tham & Wilem, 2005; Wigö, 2005)	Positively impacted concentration (Hartig et al., 2003; Hartig et al., 1991; R. Kaplan & Kaplan, 1989)	Improved perception of temporal and spatial pleasure (alliesthesia) (Parkinson, de Dear & Candido, 2012; Zhang, Arens, Huizenga & Han, 2010; Arens, Zhang & Huizenga, 2006; Zhang, 2003; de Dear & Brager, 2002; Heschong, 1979)
	Presence of Water	:	Reduced stress, increased feelings of tranquility, lower heart rate and blood pressure (Avarsson, Went, & Nilsson, 2010; Pheasant, Fisher, Watts et al., 2010; Biederman & Vessel, 2006)	Improved concentration and memory restoration (Avarsson et al., 2010; Biederman & Vessel, 2006) Enhanced perception and psychological responsiveness (Avarsson et al., 2010; Hunter et al., 2010)	Observed preferences and positive emotional responses (Windhager, 2011; Barton & Pretty, 2010; White, Smith, Humphryes et al., 2010; Karmanov & Hamel, 2008; Biederman & Vessel, 2006; Heerwagen & Orians, 1993; Ruso & Atzwanger, 2003; Ulrich, 1983)
	Dynamic & Diffuse Light	:	Positively impacted circadian system functioning (Figueiro, Brons, Pitrick et al., 2011; Beckett & Roden, 2009) Increased visual comfort (Elyezadi, 2012; Kim & Kim, 2007)		
	Connection with Natural Systems				Enhanced positive health responses; Shifted perception of environment (Kellert et al., 2008)
	Biomorphic Forms & Patterns	•			Observed view preference (Vessei, 2012; Joye, 2007)
	Material Connection with Nature			Decreased diastolic blood pressure (Tsunetsugu, Myazaki & Sato, 2007) Improved creative performance (Lichtenfeld et al., 2012)	Improved comfort (Tsunetsugu, Myazaki & Sato 2007)
NATURA	Complexity & Order	:	Positively impacted perceptual and physiological stress responses (Salingaros, 2012; Joye, 2007; Taylor, 2006; S. Kaplan, 1988)		Observed view preference (Salingaros, 2012; Hägerhäll, Lake, Taylor et al., 2008; Hägerhäll, Purcella, & Taylor, 2004; Taylor, 2006)
	Prospect	:	Reduced stress (Grahn & Stigsdotter, 2010)	Reduced boredom, irritation, fatigue (Clearwater & Coss, 1991)	Improved comfort and perceived safety (Herzog & Bryce, 2007; Wang & Taylor, 2006; Petherick, 2000)
	Refuge	:		Improved concentration, attention and perception of safety (Grahn & Stigsdotter, 2010; Wang & Taylor, 2006; Wang & Taylor, 2006; Petherick, 2000; Ulrich et al., 1993)	
TURE OF	Mystery	:			Induced strong pleasure response (Biederman, 2011; Salimpoor, Benovoy, Larcher et al., 2011; Ikemi, 2005; Blood & Zatorre, 2001)
	Risk/Peril				Resulted in strong dopamine or pleasure responses (Kohno et al., 2013; Wang & Tsien, 2011: Zalut et al. 2008

Human Biological responses to nature: The Science Supporting the Benefits

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#### TABLE 1. BIOPHILIA IMPACTS FOR POSITIVE RETURNS

INDICATOR	HEALTH & WELL-BEING	FINANCIAL IMPACTS		
SECTOR	IMPACTS	DIRECT	INDIRECT	
OFFICES	presenteeism, performance, productivity	absenteeism, staff retention; lease rate, churn	talent acquisition, health claims, employee satisfaction	
EDUCATION	attention, learning rate	absenteeism, test scores	graduation rates	
RETAIL	customer attention, brand perception	hedonic value, sales; staff retention	dwell time, return patronage, social media attention	
HEALTHCARE	healing rate, analgesic intake	patient turnover; staff retention	visitor perception	
HOSPITALITY	staff performance, perception of place	average daily room rate (ADR, RevPAR)	employee satisfaction, brand loyalty, social media attention; total revenue per available room (TRevPAR)	
COMMUNITIES	perception of safety, crime rate; overall public health	tourism; crime rate	investment attraction, migration; real estate value, tax base; climate change adaptability, resilience, equity; incarceration rate	

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#### What could this look like?

#### Interior | Look + Feel

- Humans are innately drawn to nature
- Biophilic: provide clarity, reduce stress, improve well-being
- Forms, patterns, colors and texture from nature



#### What could this look like?





#### Bowditch Middle School Biophilia in Schools

- Restorative Benefits
- Enhanced Creativity
- Improves Cognitive Function and Productivity
- Increased Memory and Concentration
- Reduces Boredom, Stress, and Aggression

#### Education on Display - Educational Environment as a 3D Teaching Tool



## LAUSD-Charles Kim ES

- Designed as a high-performance school without client's initial buy-in
- Became 1 of 2 Demonstration Site for CHPS for LAUSD
- Prompted Formal Adoption of CHPS by LAUSD
- Compact Urban ES on less than 2 acres
- No additional fee or budget allocated



Classroom showing sustainable design features

Sustainable strategies incorporated into school design

#### State Funding is positively addressing:

- 1. Learning Loss Health and Wellness as a focus
- 2. Early Childhood Education
- 3. Nutritional Needs
- 4. Career Technical Education Learning by Doing









#### K12 Federal Funding Under the Inflation Reduction Act

Tax Credits and Deductions	03
Tax Credits for Clean Energy	03
Extension and Change to Tax Credits for Clean Energy Investment	
Sec. 13102 and New Clean Electricity Tax Credit for Investment Sec. 13701	03
Extension and Change to Tax Credits for Clean Energy Production	
Sec. 13101 and New Clean Electricity Tax Credit for Production Sec. 13701	
Tax Credits for Clean Transportation	
Qualified Commercial Clean Vehicle Tax Credit Sec. 13403	
Alternative Fuel Refueling Property Credit Sec. 13404	07
Tax Deductions for Energy Efficiency	
Energy Efficient Commercial Buildings Deduction Sec. 13303	
Financing Opportunities for Schools	
Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund Sec. 60103	
Grant Opportunities for Schools or School-Related Projects	
Clean Transportation	10
Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles Sec. 60101	10
Addressing Pollution	11
Funding to Address Air Pollution at Schools Sec. 60106	11
Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Sec. 60114	11
Climate Justice in Communities	12
Environmental and Climate Justice Block Grants Sec. 60201	12
Other Provisions	12
Neighborhood Access and Equity Grant Program Sec. 60501	12
State and Private Forestry Conservation Programs Sec. 23003	12



#### COLLABORATIVE FOR HIGH PERFORMANCE SCHOOLS

TOOLS AND RESOURCES



### **Schools Themes**

- We need student-centered holistic solutions
- 2. Break down 'topical' silos
- 3. Lack of evidence based and applied research
- 4. Need 3rd Party facilitation
- 5. Collaboratively developed solutions
- 6. Competitive Implementation



#### **Energy Efficient**

#### Safe & Secure

**Climate-Aligned** 

Equitable

#### Resilient

#### Healthy

Sustainable




# Mission

We aspire to make every school an ideal place to learn.

For over **20 years**, CHPS has developed and maintained the nation's **only** thirdparty building standard explicitly designed by K12 schools and focused on improving student performance.

#### **Priorities:**

- Increase student performance and health of students & staff
- Reduce operating costs through better design
- Enhance environmental stewardship



Abbott Downing, Concord NH (NE-CHPS)

# **Existing Programs**

Third-Party building standards only address new construction or major renovations.

#### LEED for Building Design and Construction (BD+C)

This rating system is for buildings that are <u>new construction or major renovations</u>.

#### LEED for Interior Design and Construction (ID+C)

This rating system is for interior spaces that are a <u>complete</u> interior fit-out

#### US CHPS Criteria 2.0

Criteria & Implementation Guide for New Construction & Major Renovation of School Buildings

• A major renovation is defined by a substantial improvement to a building of <u>at least two</u> of the following systems: lighting, HVAC, building envelope, interior surfaces, and/or site.















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### **CA-CHPS Criteria v2.0**

For New Construction & Major Renovation/Additions of Classroom and Non-Classroom Buildings

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# **CHPS Impact**

- Over **800** CHPS projects nationwide
- **70+** school districts have used CHPS
- 4 of top 25 largest school districts require CHPS:
  - Los Angeles USD, CA (#2)
  - Fairfax County Public Schools, VA (#11)
  - Dallas ISD, TX (#16)
  - Cypress-Fairbanks ISD, TX (#21)
- Rhode Island requires CHPS
- Massachusetts & Colorado provide state funding to CHPS schools
- Washington used CHPS as the basis for their required Washington Sustainable Schools Protocol (WSSP)



## **US-CHPS Overview, based on v2.0**

- 250 points total; 52 for prerequisites
- 7 Sections:
  - Integration & Innovation: 2 prereqs, 7 credits, 35 points, includes climate action
  - Indoor Environmental Quality: 5 prereqs, 15 credits, 81 points
  - **Energy:** 2 prereqs, 3 credits, 20 points
  - Water: 2 prereqs, 6 credits, 20 points
  - Site: 1 prereq, 7 credits, 23 points, includes exterior measures
  - Materials and Waste Management: 1 prereq, 5 credits, 16 points
  - **Operations and Maintenance:** 2 prereqs, 5 credits, 18 points

# How can CHPS help?

#### Technical Standards and Design Criteria:

- EQ P1.0 Ventilation and IAQ
- EQ C1.1 Enhanced Ventilation, Filtration and Dedicated Outdoor Air Systems
- EQ C1.2 Demand Controlled Ventilation
- EQ P10.0 Thermal Comfort
- EQ P15.0 Acoustical Performance
- EE P1.0 Energy Efficient Design
- EE C4.1 Advanced Ventilation Strategies
- OM P1.0 Facility Staff and Occupant Training
- OM C5.1 Indoor Environmental Management



#### **Requirements:**

- Detailed technical requirements
- Evidence and research based
- Developed and refined over 20+ Years for school projects
- Reviewed and updated by a national technical committee
- References broadly recognized industry standards

#### Indoor Environmental Quality EQ P1.0-C1.1 EQ P1.0 VENTILATION & IAQ EQ C1.1 ENHANCED VENTILATION, FILTRATION, AND DEDICATED OUTDOOR AIR SYSTEM Establishing a minimum level of indoor air quality positively Intent impacts student and teacher performance, may reduce absenteeism, and reduces the potential for long- and short-Provide a foundation for providing clean, term health problems. The criteria in this prerequisite and breathable air to protect student and staff health credit are used to achieve excellent indoor air quality, which and increase potential for better performance starts during construction with preventative measures to and attendance. keep pollutants out of the building and includes good filtration and ventilation during building operation. [1] EQ P1.0 VENTILATION & IAQ PREREQUISITE APPLICABILITY: All projects 5 points VERIFICATION: Design Review, Construction Review RELATED CRITERIA: All of EQ and EE, SS P1.0 Environmental Site Assessment, OM C4.1 Systems Maintenance Plan, OM C5.1 Indoor Environmental Management EQ P1.0 REQUIREMENTS Design and construct the HVAC system to provide continuous outdoor air (OA) ventilation to each space during occupied hours, including all full- and part-load conditions. Follow ASHRAE 62.1-2019 unless a local equivalent is more stringent. Comply with all of the following: 1. The design shall ensure the ventilation system is not readily defeated. Assume no windows are open 2. Ventilation rates during occupied hours including all full-and part-load conditions in

- 2. Ventuation rates ouring occupied nours including all full-and part-load conditions in all school areas shall be no less than required by the outdoor ventilation rate calculated according to the outdoor air ventilation rate procedure in ASHRAE 62.1-2019 §6.2 or §6.4 if natural ventilation is used.
- The ASHRAE 62.1 Mechanical Ventilation Calculation Worksheet shall be completed in full and included in the project drawings and design documentation. The table shall list for each room: HVAC system ID number and HVAC type, minimum outdoor air flow rate, room air classification, and all exhaust fans.
- HVAC systems and equipment shall meet the requirements of ASHRAE Standard 62.1-2019 §5.
- Design of condensate pans shall meet all requirements in ASHRAE Standard 62.1-2019 §5.10.
- Outdoor air intakes shall meet all requirements in ASHRAE Standard 62.1-2019 §5.5. All intakes must be 6 feet above landscaped grade including soil, lawn, shrubs, or any plant life within 1.5 ft. horizontally of intake. Intakes near Class 2



#### Implementation:

- Detailed requirements for what needs to be addressed throughout design and construction process
- Describes research-based rationale for why these requirements are important
- Standard approach and requirements for designers and contractors

#### Indoor Environmental Quality

#### EQ P1.0-C1.1

- EQ C1.1.2 Enhanced Ventilation Rate
- 5 points The outdoor airflow shall be no less than 130% of the value determined in accordance with the ASHRAE 62.1 ventilation rates.
- EQ C1.1.3 Dedicated Outdoor Air System
- 5 points Provide a dedicated outdoor air ventilation system (DOAS) that serves classrooms with the ability to efficiently process and manage ventilation down to the individual room level.

#### EQ P1.0- IMPLEMENTATION

#### C1.1

#### EQ P1.0 Ventilation & IAQ

CDs shall include design details and control sequences presented in a manner allowing that compliance with the prerequisite may be verified. In addition to information on the contract documents, calculations used to determine the most stringent outdoor air ventilation rate shall be signed by the project engineer. ASHRAE 62.1-2019 Mechanical Ventilation Calculation Worksheet shall be completed by the project engineer documenting that each space meets the minimum outdoor air quantities according to ASHRAE 62.1-2019 calculations. The spreadsheet shall show that the outdoor air quantity in each room served by an HVAC system meets the minimum outdoor air quantity for the space. For multiple spaces the spreadsheet shall show that the minimum dodor air quantities are met in each space including during times when all VAV boxes are turned down to their minimum flow positions. A completed table shall be complied by the project engineer and included in the project drawings and design documentation.

The table shall list for each room:

- the HVAC system ID number,
- HVAC type,
- the minimum outdoor air flow rate,
- the room's air classification, and
- all exhaust fans.

Minimum outdoor air quantities for all spaces shall be verified during HVAC system Testing and Balancing and included in minimum Commissioning requirements when all VAV boxes are turned down to their minimum flow positions.

Throughout this criterion, ventilation air means the designed outdoor air flow rate for maximum occupancy.

Controls shall be specified that operate the HVAC fans to provide outdoor air ventilation continuously during occupied hours, whether or not there is a need for heating or cooling. Thermostats with an "automatic" setting do not meet this requirement, since in this mode, the fans cycle on and off according to demands for heating or cooling.

The HVAC shall be operated continuously during working hours except during scheduled maintenance and emergency repairs, or during periods in which the district can demonstrate that the quantity of outdoor air supplied by non-mechanical means meets the outdoor air supply rate required by ASHRAE Standard 62.1-2019, §6.2 (i.e., climate is suitable and an acceptable means for natural ventilation is provided).

Natural ventilation systems must be engineered to demonstrate sufficient outdoor air ventilation and thermal comfort and shall adhere to natural ventilation guidelines, including:



#### **Documentation:**

- Requirements for designers and engineers for what should be included in documents
- Assists with accountability and review and certification of projects to ensure they meet requirements

#### **Resources:**

• Research and references that inform the criteria

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	clas	sroom floors or wings.							
EQ P1.0- C1.1	DOCUMENTATION								
	DESIGN REVIEW								
EQ P1.0	Certification by the Mechanical Engineer that the mechanical system design meets these requirements. Provide drawings showing all air intake openings. Clearly identify hazardous and noxious contaminant sources on the drawings and bubble each air intake with a 10 ft radius circle on the drawings. Additionally, provide drawings showing ducted returns. Indicate the horizontal and vertical distances from the contaminant source.								
EQ P1.0- C1.1.1	CDs and	must clearly specify the correct type of filter. Designate the CSI number, se page number that highlight compliance with this criterion.	ction,						
EQ C1.1.2	CDs must include calculations showing that the design can supply 130% of outdoor air as determined in accordance with the ASHRAE 62.1 ventilation rates.								
EQ C1.1.3	CDs must include the required components of the DOAS. Provide the ASHRAE 62 MZ Calc spreadsheet or equivalent. Show that the system provides 100% fresh air without mixing with recirculated air; show integrated energy recovery strategy.								
	CONSTRUCTION REVIEW								
EQ P1.0- C1.1.1	Photos of a sample installed filter or approved submittal.								
EQ P1.0- C1.1	RESOURCES								
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Indoor Environmental Quality

### **High School Modernization - BEFORE**



- Recruit mediocre talent
- Higher teacher turnover
- Increased mental health issues including stress, anxiety, and depression amongst students
- More sick days with increased incidents of illnesses such as asthma
- Paying too much for utilities
- Negatively effecting 'pride'

Freemont HS, Quattrocchi Kwok Architects

## **High School Modernization - AFTER**

- Reduced absenteeism
- Improved Performance
- Employee attraction
- Employee retention
- Improved performance
- Reduced operating costs
- Environmentally sustainable
- Pride



Freemont HS, Quattrocchi Kwok Architects

# LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

# **Tools for Districts and Case Studies, Metrics of Success**



### **CASH Workshop** The Blueprint for High Performance Schools, the Financial & Academic Advantage

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February 29, 2024









- LAUSD & Eco-Sustainability Office Background
- Sustainability Goals
- High Performance
  Case Studies



# **ECO-SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE**





# LAUSD – A Brief Background



80,890,070 building square footage

25,392 structures

31,700 classrooms

6,389 acres of land

800+ campuses

710 square miles of site boundaries

525,944 students (K-12)

66,523 employees

Nation's second-largest school district

**20 years** since CHPS was adopted by LAUSD

• **142** LAUSD CHPS projects completed



# Timeline of Achievements & Goals

	CHPS Resolution		20% Reduction in Energy + Water by 2024		Clean Energy Resolution		Eco-Sustainabilit Office Established US DOE Better Practice Award + Low Carbon Pilot		y Gardena 3 Bus Yard Electrificatio n		30% Greening – All Schools		
2003	2009	2014		2019	2022	2023		2026	2028	2030	2035	2040	
	Focus Areas SIU EMU		Green Resolu Clima		Schools ution te		Sun Valley Bus Yard		100% Clean Electricity 50% GHG Reduction		100% Clean Energy		



# LAUSD ECO-SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE



Decarbonization

Electrification

Across ALL Divisions













# **Eco-Sustainability Focus Areas**



### **Energy Conservation**

GOALS: 20% Energy Use Intensity reduction by 2024 100% Renewable Energy by 2030, and All Other Energy Sectors by 2040

- Lighting Retrofit Program
- LAUSD/LADWP Direct Install Program
- Prop 39 Clean Energy Jobs Act







### Water Stewardship

### GOAL: 20% Water Consumption reduction by 2024 from 2014 baseline.

- Stormwater Management & Capture (DROPS)
- · Recycled Water Projects
- Plumbing Fixture Retrofits
- Irrigation Controller Replacements







# **Eco-Sustainability Focus Areas**



#### **High Performance Schools**

GOAL: Ensure a safe, healthy, and comfortable learning environment in energy & water efficient schools

Criteria: Energy, Water, Air Quality, Educational Integration & Innovation, Recycling & Waste Management, O&M

- 142 CHPS recognized projects to date
- 7 LEED Certified projects











GOAL: Increase campus green space, school gardens, and outdoor learning spaces

#### Features: Outdoor Classroom, drought tolerant planting, landscaping materials, accessible walkways, irrigation

- Over 400 School gardens, 18 EEC outdoor classrooms
  - 70 SEEDS learning gardens completed





# **Eco-Sustainability Focus Areas**



### **Emerging Technology**

GOAL: Collaborate with industry leaders, innovators, utilities, and municipal partners to identify and pilot cutting edge sustainability technology

#### Energy Conservation:

- LED Fixtures
- Large fans as HVAC offset
- Microgrid & Battery Storage
- Plug Load Monitoring & Control
- Innovative Rooftop Mount for Solar Panels
- HVAC Controls
- Occupancy Controlled Thermostat
- Thermal Insulation
  Coating

#### • Solar Reflective Coating

#### Water Conservation:

- Plumbing Fixture Replacement
- Hydrogel Soil
  Amendment
- Leakage Detection
- Water Audits
- Smart Water Meters
- Drip Irrigation
- Weather Monitoring Station
- Ozone Water Treatment
  - Cooling Tower



### Awareness & Outreach

GOALS: Increase Eco-Literacy, develop partnerships, encourage participation and celebrate accomplishments.

- HEROES for Zero Contest
- DROPS Educ. and Outreach
- EmPowered

- Green Janitors Educ. Program
- Magenta House
- GPRO











# **LAUSD Board Resolutions**

#### – Clean Energy Resolution (2019)

 Transitioning LAUSD to 100% Clean, Renewable, Energy Resulting in Healthier Students and More Sustainable, Equitable, Communities

#### - Climate Literacy Resolution (2022) ·

• Enacting a comprehensive Climate Literacy Program for LAUSD to help address the escalating climate crisis. Climate Literacy covers education about environmental justice, green jobs and correcting misinformation.

#### Green Schools for All Resolution (2022)

• Establishes a minimum standard of 30% green space for all campuses

### **An Integrated Response across LAUSD Divisions**



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & SAFETY

**Elevate!** 

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

Accelerate!

# **HIGH PERFORMANCE CASE STUDIES**





## CASE STUDY #1 – JORDAN HS – BACKGROUND

#### **Background on Jordan HS**

- Constructed in 1920, an industrial corridor developed along Alameda Avenue around the school
- Property abuts a local metal recycling plant, which negatively impacts air quality
- As a result, the surrounding Watts neighborhood has experienced high asthma rates
- 99% of students are non-white
- 98% qualify for free or reduced lunch





#### Race / Ethnicity Profile



#### CalEnvironScreen Analysis

Overall Percentiles				
alEnviroScreen 4.0 Percentile				
ollution Burden Percentile	93			
opulation Characteristics Percentile	98			
Sensitive Populations				
sthma	94			
ow Birth Weight	59			
ardiovascular Disease	98			



## CASE STUDY #1 – JORDAN HS – PROJECT

#### **High Performance Project at Jordan HS**

- Renovations of two main classroom buildings, construction of two new three-story classroom buildings, and administration building renovation
- Site-wide improvements to garden and electrical infrastructure

#### **High Performance Features**

- Achieved majority of CHPS and LEED points for reducing water use for landscaping by installing a native garden and an efficient irrigation system
- Installed cool roofs to mitigate the urban heat island effect and reduce use of cooling system
- Minimized construction waste by reusing 94% of the existing structural elements









## CASE STUDY #1 – JORDAN HS – OUTCOMES

### Impacts at Jordan HS Since Construction Finished in 2016



69% reduction in water use



~\$80,000 in annual water utility savings



24% increase in students meeting state English testing standards









### CASE STUDY #2 – FIRST ST ELEMENTARY – BACKGROUND

#### **Background on 1st Street Elementary School**

- Originally constructed after the 1933 Long Beach earthquake
- Operated as an assimilation center for immigrant families, providing lessons in English and on American culture
- In 2014 the east building was determined to be eligible for national, state, and city historic registers
- 97% non-white student body
- 98% qualify for free or reduced lunch





Race / Ethnicity Profile



#### CalEnvironScreen Analysis

Overall Percentiles	
CalEnviroScreen 4.0 Percentile	94
Pollution Burden Percentile	85
Population Characteristics Percentile	92
Sensitive Populations	
Asthma	66
Low Birth Weight	88
Cardiovascular Disease	52



### CASE STUDY #2 – FIRST STREET ELEMENTARY – PROJECT

#### **High Performance Project**

- Seismic retrofit of an existing 2-story classroom building
- Modernizing 10 classrooms and food service building
- Construction of a new lunch pavilion

#### **High Performance Features**

- Cool roofs to mitigate the local urban heat island effect and reduce reliance on cooling systems
- Superior energy efficient design, targeting a 22% increase in performance over Title-24
- Received full points from CHPS in the recycled materials, certified wood, and low-emitting building material categories







### Impacts at First Street Elementary Since Construction Finished in 2018



22% Reduction in Energy Use or ~\$23,000 in avoided costs



244% Increase in Students Meeting State Math Standards



80% increase in Students Meeting State English Standards





Source: California Assessment of Student Performance & Progress & English Language Proficiency Assessments for California



#### Background on John C. Fremont High School

- 99% non-white student body
- 98% qualify for free or reduced lunch
- Historical High School built in 1924, with Global Media Arts, Law & Social Justice, Medical Science, and STEAM programs.





#### Race / Ethnicity Profile



#### CalEnvironScreen Analysis

Overall Percentiles					
CalEnviroScreen 4.0 Percentile					
Pollution Burden Percentile					
Population Characteristics Percentile	92				
Sensitive Populations					
Asthma	88				
Low Birth Weight	37				
Cardiovascular Disease	98				



## CASE STUDY #3 – JOHN C. FREMONT HS – PROJECT

#### High Performance Project at Fremont HS

- Modernization of the main three-story classroom building
- Modernization of the existing Gymnasium
- Construction of a new two-story student union and library building

### **High Performance Features**

- A 35% performance above Title-24 was targeted through the installation of:
  - 1. Highly efficient condensing hot water boilers
  - 2. Water-cooled magnetic bearing chillers
  - 3. Radiant heating
  - 4. Strategic use of shading
- Received full points in View and Electric Lighting CHPS categories, ensuring classrooms received ample natural and artificial light




## CASE STUDY #3 – JOHN C. FREMONT HS – IMPACT

## Impacts at John C. Fremont HS Since Construction Finished in 2016

 Received CASH/AIACC Leroy F. Greene Honor Award & Design Honor Award for Modernization / Transformation



10% Reduction in Electricity Use, or ~\$32,000 in avoided costs



6% Increase in students meeting state Math testing standards



14% increase in students meeting state English testing standards













**Thank You!** 



Christos Chrysiliou, FAIA, LEED AP Chief Eco-Sustainability Officer









**DIVISION OF THE STATE ARCHITECT** 

WHERE WE'VE **BEEN, WHERE WEAREAND** WHERE DO WE **GO FROM** HERE



## CALIFORNIA LEADS THE WAY

#### EXECUTIVE ORDERS BY BROWN ADMINISTRATION

B-16-12 Set goal of 1 million ZEVs by 2020

#### B-30-15

Sets interim target of greenhouse gas emissions 40% less than 1990 levels by 2030

#### B-55-18

Achieve statewide carbon neutrality by 2045

## CALIFORNIA LEADS THE WAY



GOVERNOR NEWSOM'S EXECUTIVE ORDERS

#### N-19-19

Requires every aspect of state government to redouble its efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and mitigate the impacts of climate change while building a sustainable, inclusive economy.

#### N-79-20

Sets a goal that 100 percent of in-state sales of new passenger cars and trucks will be zeroemission by 2035.

## Effects of Climate Change to Schools

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#### Drought

Fire

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#### **Extreme Heat**



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"We are the first generation to feel the sting of climate change, and we are the last generation that can do something about it." – Jay Inslee



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## SUSTAINABILITY is an EQUITY issue

Download Data

Explore Location

Resources About

# CALIFORNIA Heat Assessment Tool

California is facing a warmer climate over the next century. More frequent and severe heat events will pose considerable health risks that disproportionately impact frontline populations. This tool allows users to explore and understand how extreme heat will impact specific communities across the state.

Explore California by City or County

EXTREME HEAT www.cal-heat.org The California Heat Assessment Tool was funded by the California Natural Resources Agency for local and state health practitioners to better understand dimensions of heat vulnerability driven by climate changes and where action can be taken to mitigate the public health impacts of extreme heat in the future.

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## **HEAT HEALTH EVENTS**

0-0.78 Events

0.78-1.56 Events









2021



## DSA's Green Building Program: SUSTAINABILITY is SAFETY



Increase school facility energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions with each new construction and modernization, leading to a zero net energy and zero net carbon future.



# Mandatory Measures for Schools

- Bicycle parking
- Electric vehicle charging
- Light pollution reduction
- Grading to manage surface water flow
- Shade trees
- Water conserving plumbing fixtures
- Outdoor potable water use in landscape areas
- Water resistance and moisture management
- Building Reuse

- Construction waste disposal and recycling
- Recycling by occupants
- Pollutant control during construction
- Finish material pollutant control
- MERV-13 filters
- CO2 monitoring in classrooms
- Acoustical control and exterior noise transmission
- HVAC refrigerants without chlorofluorocarbons and halons
- Embodied Carbon of Materials



Accomplishes large water savings by choosing climate adapted plants, improving soil conditions, using, and maintaining high efficiency irrigation equipment and managing the irrigation schedule to fit the plants water needs as they are influenced by local climate.

2016 CALGreen: Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELO) Requires Shade Trees to provide shade to:

50% of parking areas within 15 years

20% of landscape areas within 15 years

20% of hardscape areas within 15 years



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## 2019 CALGreen: Shade Trees

2019 Energy Code and CalGreen Acceptance Testing Requirements for Lighting and HVAC systems:

- Ensures that the installed equipment is operating as designed and in compliance with the Energy Code.
- Requires certified Acceptance Testing Technicians (ATTs) to be used for
  - Indoor and Outdoor Lighting and Controls
  - HVAC Systems and Controls



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CO2 Monitors in new K-12 classrooms



Reduce Emissions through Electrification

Advance Resiliency & Equity





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#### 2022 Energy Code

- Heat Pump Technology
- Solar PV
- Battery Storage

2022 CALGreen: EV Charging

- 20% EV capable spaces (infrastructure)
- 25% of EV capable spaces provided with a charger

# Approved Carbon Reduction Regulations Mandatory Measures

50,000 sf and greater for K-12 schools and community colleges, 100,000 sf and greater for nonresidential construction

**BUILDING REUSE** Reuse existing building, maintain 45% of the existing structure and enclosure.

WBLCA

#### PRESCRIPTIVE PATH

Green

Performance Path- Conduct a cradle-to-grave whole building life cycle assessment demonstrating at 10% reduction in global warming potential (GWP).

Comply with product GWP limits established in the BCCA. Based on 175% of IW-EDP GWP values (weighted average alternate available for concrete).

> Commission Adoption Meeting: Approved 8.1.23 Effective Date: July 1, 2024 August 1-3, 2023 Commission Meeting (ca.gov)



#### **2022 INTERVENING CODE CYCLE: CALGREEN**

#### EV Charging: Charging Power Alternative and Existing Facilities

New parking facilities:

Requires Level 1, Low Power Level 2 or Level 2, or any combination thereof, providing a minimum total power based on number of parking spaces in a facility.

For existing facilities: Required if installing new light fixtures in existing parking, adding to parking facilities, or installing solar PVs over parking. Requires chargers to be installed in EV capable spaces when a project is submitted to DSA.

#### CO2 Monitoring: Existing Facilities

Requires CO2 monitors in existing K-12 classrooms when a building is modernized.



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Effective Date: July 1, 2024

## DSA SUSTAINABILITY PLAN REVIEW

#### Goals:

- Greater support at preapplication meetings
- Greater compliance of requirements
- Understanding of challenges in implementation
- Understanding of resources that need to be developed



New checklist: DSA 403-C to be submitted with each project

Intended to be used as a guide for submitting complete documents that incorporate the current CALGreen requirements for DSA adopted mandatory measures.



- Up to 90% of embodied carbon is retained the reuse of an existing building.
- Building reuse preserves community identity and helps stabilize communities by preserving historic connections.
- The EB Task Force will evaluate changes to regulations that encourages building reuse and ensure when an existing school building is modernized that safety standards are also addressed.
- Resulting regulations will address both resiliency and sustainability.

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## EXISTING BUILDINGS TASK FORCE: Resiliency and Sustainability



HOME > DIVISION OF THE STATE ARCHITECT > RESOURCES > ACHIEVING NET ZERO ENERGY & NET ZERO CARBON IN SCHOOL FACILITIES

#### Achieving Net Zero Energy & Net Zero Carbon in School Facilities

Learn how schools can incorporate sustainability measures and move toward achieving net zero energy and net zero carbon.

#### DSA SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

GETTING TO ZERO OVER TIME COHORT	+
NET ZERO EVENTS	+
CALIFORNIA SUSTAINABLE SCHOOLS SHOWCASE	+
NET ZERO ENERGY AND NET ZERO CARBON RESOURCES	+
CASE STUDIES IN SUSTAINABLE SCHOOL DESIGN: 7X7X7 DESIGN ENERGY WATER	+
WATER CONSERVATION	+
MECHANICAL ACCEPTANCE TEST TRAINING	+

## GETTING TO ZERO OVER TIME

## K-12 PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT COHORT

- New Construction
- Major Modernization
- System Replacement
- Equipment Replacement
- Operations & Maintenance

#### a DSA collaboration with



# ROADMAP TOOLKIT

- Stakeholder Engagement
- Goals
- Resolution
- Facility Assessment
- RFP
- Interview Q's
- OPR
- Project Checklist
- Reporting Template
- Media Release
- ZNC Bond Criteria

Decarbonization Roadmap Guide for School Building Decision Makers - New Buildings Institute **nbi** new buildings

# Decarbonization Roadmap Guide





# The All-Electric California Schools Kitchen of the Future

A DSA collaboration with:





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## STORMWATER CAPTURE AND RUNOFF MANAGEMENT





Preserve, create, and enhance natural areas and features.

Minimize impervious surfaces.

Design with soils that promote infiltration.

Arrange impervious surfaces to drain to permeable surfaces.

Design areas to prevent irrigation runoff.

Allocate space to stormwater control measures.

Incorporate visual stormwater features and learning opportunities.

#### Sustainable Schools Showcase



#### DSA IS OFFERING IN-PERSON MEETINGS FOR CLIENTS SERVICES

DSA will offer in-person client meetings, including back checks and over-the-counter reviews. Please see the News item, <u>DSA is Offering In-Person Meetings for DSA Clients</u> Services.



#### Yosemite Community College

#### Division of the State Architect

Provides design and construction oversight for K-12 schools, community colleges, and various other state-owned and leased facilities.



Blach Intermediate School

#### CALIFORNIA SUSTAINABLE SCHOOLS SHOWCASE $\qquad imes$

The California Sustainable Schools Showcase aims to acknowledge challenges, dispel myths, and share innovative solutions by showcasing school districts' efforts to plan for and prioritize sustainability in public school facilities in California. Educational, administrative, and maintenance buildings that exhibit innovative ideas and successfully capture both sustainability and energy efficiency through building programming, design, and the implementing of cutting-edge technology systems will be featured. Zero net energy, low carbon and carbon neutral facilities, and other strategies for sustainable schools will be highlighted to showcase those districts throughout the state who have been able to implement these strategies in both new construction and alterations to existing buildings.

#### California Sustainable Schools

- Medea Creek Middle School
- <u>Suisun Valley School</u>
- <u>SBCCD's Sustainability Plan</u>
- San Bernardino Community College District's Crafton Hills College
- Los Altos School District's Blach Intermediate School
- Yosemite Community College



Crafton Hills College

# **DSA ACADEMY**

#### **DSA Academy**



Accessibility Training: California EVCS Accessibility Housing at a Place of Education Circulation Paths Free, On Demand, Provides CEU credit

Sustainability Training: All-Electric California Schools Kitchen of the Future Green Schoolyards

Coming soon: CALGreen Embodied Carbon Regulations Free, On Demand, Provides CEU credit

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## **RESOURCES:**

Oakland HS Environmental Design Student Capstone Project video:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/16JASjAQTRoWD\_gmnyc\_xfEQZrNBJ0N6W/view

K12 Education and the Inflation Reduction Act

https://www.thisisplaneted.org/img/K12-InflationReductionAct-Final-Screen.pdf

LAUSD Eco Sustainability Office

http://lausd.org/eso

CHPS Resources and Product Guidance

https://chps.net/

DSA Achieving Net Zero Energy, Net Zero Carbon and Sustainable School Facilities

https://www.dgs.ca.gov/DSA/Resources/Page-Content/Resources-List-Folder/Achieving-Net-Zero-Energy-and-Net-Zero-Carbon-in-School-Facilities

New Buildings Institute Decarbonization Guide

K12 Education and the Inflation Reduction Act

https://newbuildings.org/hot-off-the-presses-new-grid-interactive-buildings-for-decarbonizationguide/?utm\_content=271193131&utm\_medium=social&utm\_source=linkedin&hss\_channel=lcp-3176424

- DSA Green Schoolyards Academy
- Green Schools National Network
- Schoolyard Forest System

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# QUESTIONS? DISCUSSION



# Engagement



- **1.** What are attributes of a High Performance School?
- **2.** What knowledge gaps exist?
- **3.** What challenges are there to achieving a high performance school?
- **4.** What additional tools can we provide?

