

Press Release

Florence School District 5 Launches Infrastructure Improvement Project with Schneider Electric

- Schneider Electric increases lifecycle savings and revenue generation to modernize county schools and fund its long-term energy efficiency vision

Florence, SC – Feb. X, 2024 – Florence School District 5 has joined forces with Schneider Electric, an expert in energy and sustainability, to conduct a thorough evaluation of district facilities and develop a comprehensive project for energy efficiency and modernization.

The implementation of these upgrades will be facilitated through a capital recovery and reinvestment program, enabling the district to cover the expenses gradually using energy savings. This initiative will utilize bond funding and anticipated savings to implement crucial upgrades across all school facilities.

In the coming months, the partnership will evaluate district schools and campuses to propose the following:

- Improvements in HVAC systems to provide a more comfortable and healthy learning environment for students, positively impacting academic performance.
- The new sports lighting to enhance safety and allow for evening games and practices and providing more opportunities for community events
- Water conservation efforts to save money and teach students the importance of sustainability.
- Building automation to increase efficiency and reduce operational costs, freeing up resources for educational programs.
- Enhanced security measures to ensure the safety of students and staff, giving peace of mind to parents and the community.

"This isn't just about infrastructure; it's a commitment to our students, staff, and the community for a more comfortable learning environment and brighter future," stated Florence 5 Superintendent Allana Prosser, underlining the transformative nature of this venture.

In addition to these tangible benefits, this partnership not only serves as an example for other school districts seeking to modernize their infrastructure, but also as a catalyst for positive community impact. Overall, this project demonstrates the district's dedication to creating an improved learning environment for students, while also prioritizing financial responsibility and environmental consciousness.

Over the past 32 years, Schneider Electric has successfully implemented over 1,000 ESPC projects across the nation, saving its clients more than \$4 billion. This project delivery method helps publicly funded entities make capital improvements over longer payback periods and offers many long-term benefits such as improved facility efficiency, occupant comfort, financial management and environmental protection.

Schneider Electric has also been named the #1 energy services company by Guidehouse Insight since 2017.

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