

McIntosh County Schools

Energy Performance Contracting

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McIntosh County School District in Georgia is made of four schools with almost 2,000 students in grades K-12.

CHALLENGE

McIntosh County Board of Education needed to replace the school system's aging infrastructure. HVAC equipment at McIntosh County Academy and McIntosh County Middle School was at, or significantly past, its useful life. But there were no available funds for improvement, as the board recently completed construction of a new elementary school.

The new school had been funded by Georgia's Regular Advanced Funding, as voters had rejected the county's previous referendum for a one-cent sales tax increase to fund improvements for its 40-year-old elementary school. The district was ineligible for additional state funding until the new building had been paid off through annual entitlement earnings.

SOLUTION

The board turned to ABM to find a financial solution to address critical infrastructure needs. ABM's energy performance contracting program enabled the district to improve its infrastructure without upfront costs or tax increases.



"It would not have been possible for our county to afford the infrastructure improvements our schools desperately needed without the financial structure of ABM's program," said Dr. John Barge, Superintendent for McIntosh County Schools.

To upgrade the school system infrastructure, ABM:

- Upgraded HVAC units to high-efficiency units, controlled by advanced, web-based direct digital control systems
- Built two playgrounds and a covered outdoor classroom and renovated three buildings to serve as the district administrative complex
- Installed wells at three schools to irrigate the campus and athletic fields
- Renovated middle school bathrooms and replaced two aging roofs

BENEFITS

- Projected \$20.9 million reduction in energy and operational costs over a 20-year period
- Increased comfort and equipment reliability across the district

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