

# Colquitt County Schools, GA

## Bundled Energy Solutions

Colquitt County Schools in Moultrie, Georgia enlisted ABM's Bundled Energy Solutions (BES) program to make district-wide, comprehensive energy and facility improvements.

ABM's BES program was the financial solution Colquitt County Schools needed to make critical infrastructure improvements to their aging buildings and equipment. The BES program made it possible for the school to take out loans at two local community banks on money ABM guarantees the district will save in maintenance and operations costs for years to come.

This means there are no upfront costs for the school district to make comprehensive energy and facility improvements to ten elementary schools, two junior/middle schools, and two high school buildings – one existing and one currently being built – as well as the facilities that house the county's Pathways Educational Program, Gifted Services Program, and transportation offices.



### CHALLENGE

To implement district-wide, critical infrastructure improvements without paying upfront costs or requesting tax payer support

### SOLUTION

- No up-front expenses, as the project is completely funded by guaranteed savings in operations and maintenance budget
- Energy and facility improvements made to all 14 schools in district, two additional educational facilities and transportation offices
- Replaced more than 50 percent of school district's HVAC equipment and upgraded lighting
- Installed centralized building controls with remote capabilities
- Improved energy efficiency and water conservation

### BENEFIT

- Guaranteed savings of \$19 million in energy and operating costs over the next 15 years
- Generates more than \$100,000 a year in general fund relief
- Better management of the system's assets
- Improved classroom comfort from better lighting, air quality and temperature control translates to better student and teacher productivity

“The project helps to stabilize our budgeting efforts while supporting the district's goal of providing a safe and quality learning environment.”

- Dr. Samuel DePaul, Superintendent for Colquitt County Schools

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