

## Presentation Outline

### **Project Background**

Existing Mechanical Summary

Re-design Objectives

Re-design Alternative Systems

Ground Source Heat Pump

Solar Panels

Ventilation Sensors

Lighting Breadth

System Comparison

Final Recommendations

## **Freetown Elementary School**



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**Mechanical Option**

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## Project Background

**Size:** 83,000 sq ft

**Location:** Glen Burnie, MD

**Construction Dates:** March 2008 – May 2010

**Delivery Method:** Design Bid Build

**Cost:** \$17 million

### Project Team

**Owner:** Anne Arundel County Public Schools

**Architect:** Rubeling & Associates

**Structural Engineer:** Columbia Engineering

**MEP Engineer:** James Posey Associates

**Construction Manager:** Jacobs Engineering Group

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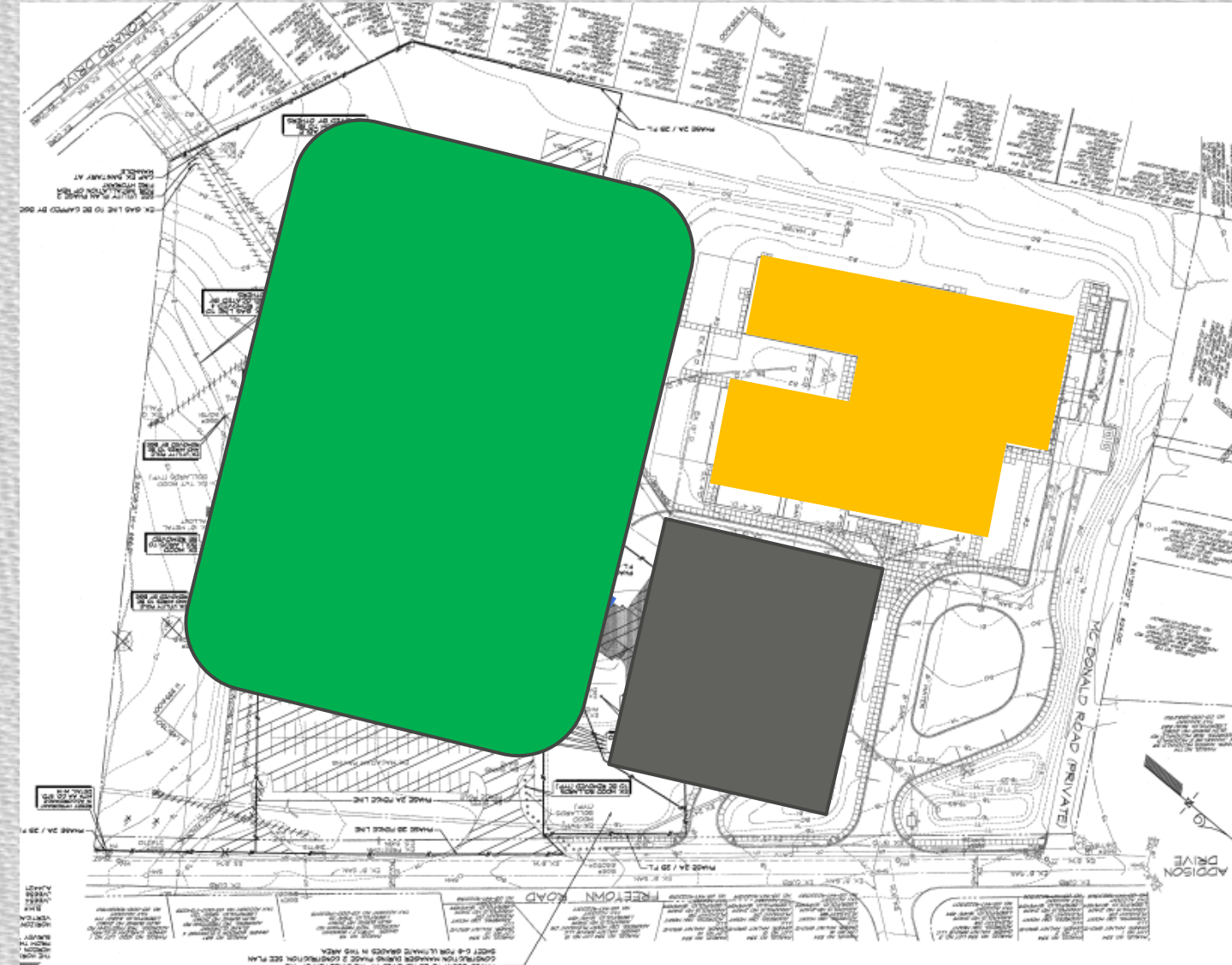
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## Site Layout



**Old School**



**New School**

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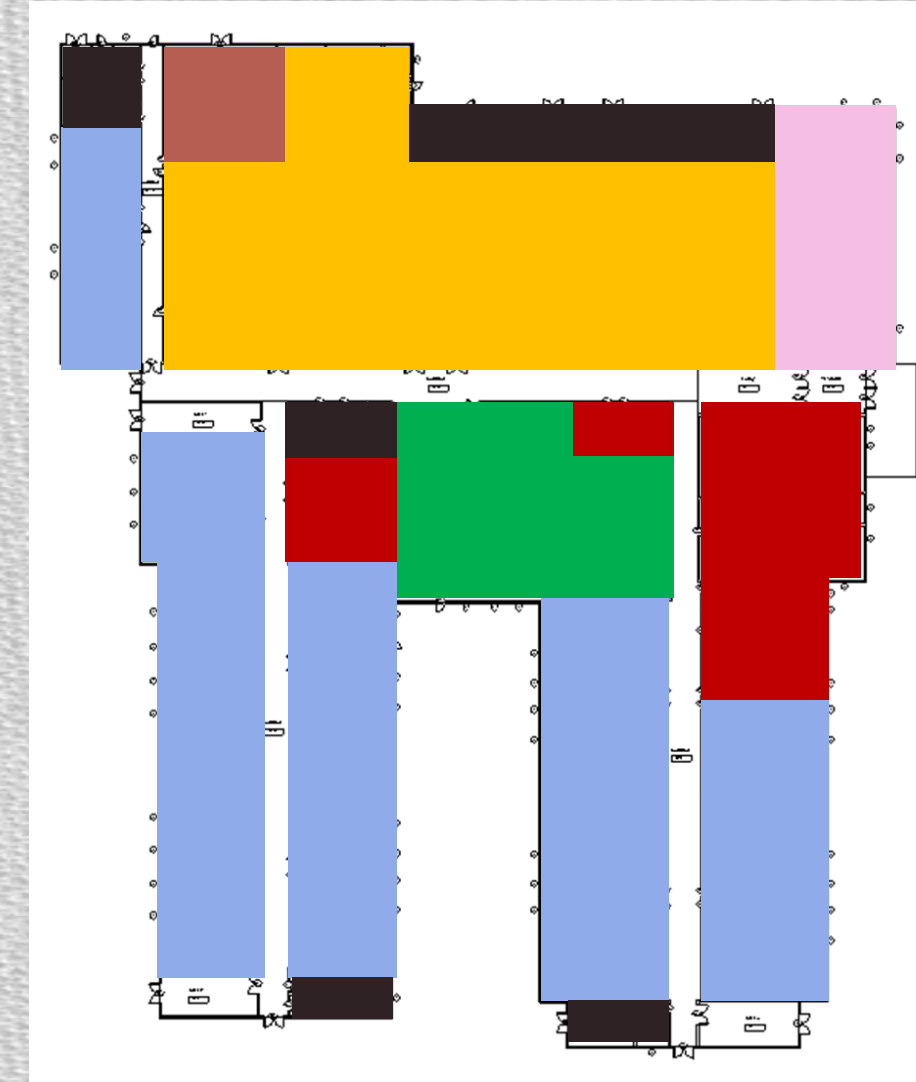
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## Building Layout

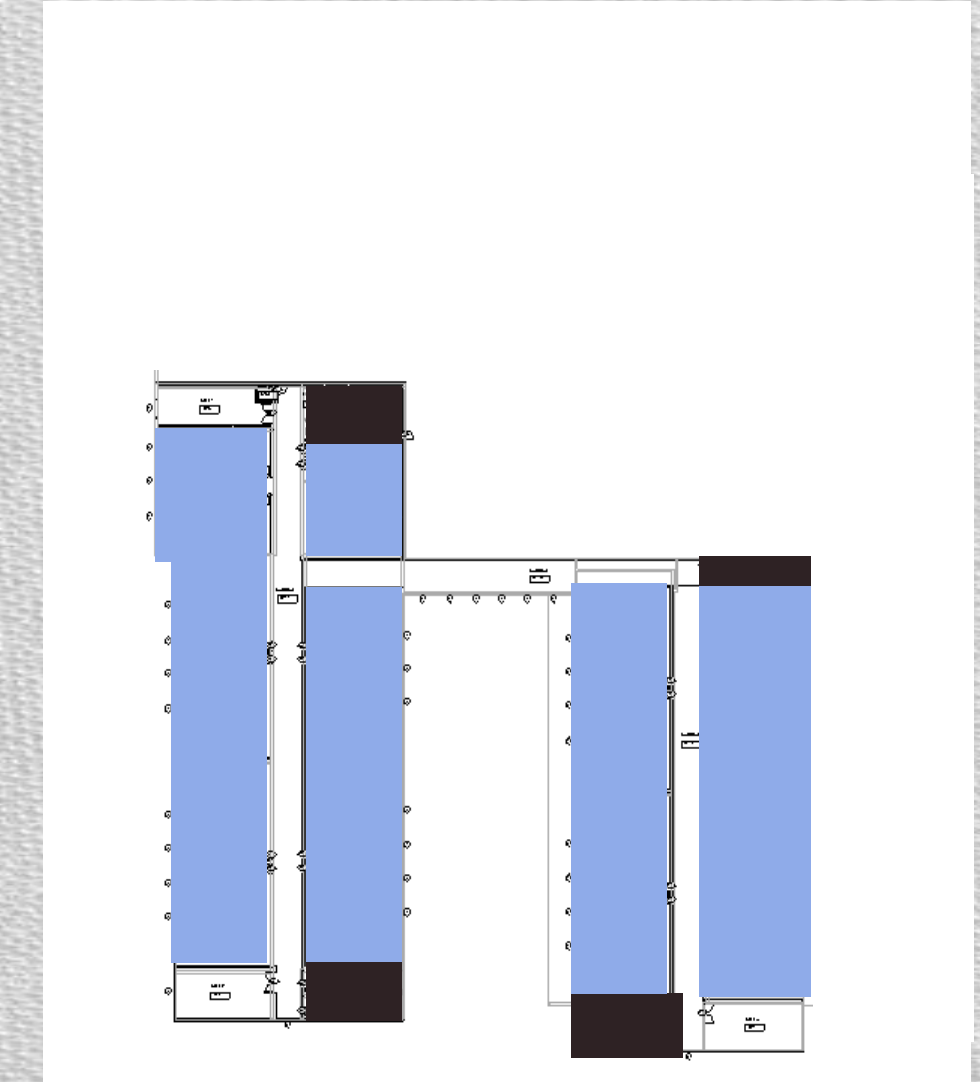
### First Floor

Classrooms  
Administration  
Media/Computer Lab  
Extended Daycare  
Cafeteria/Kitchen/Gym  
Mechanical Room  
Storage



### Second Floor

Classrooms  
Storage



## Mechanical Room

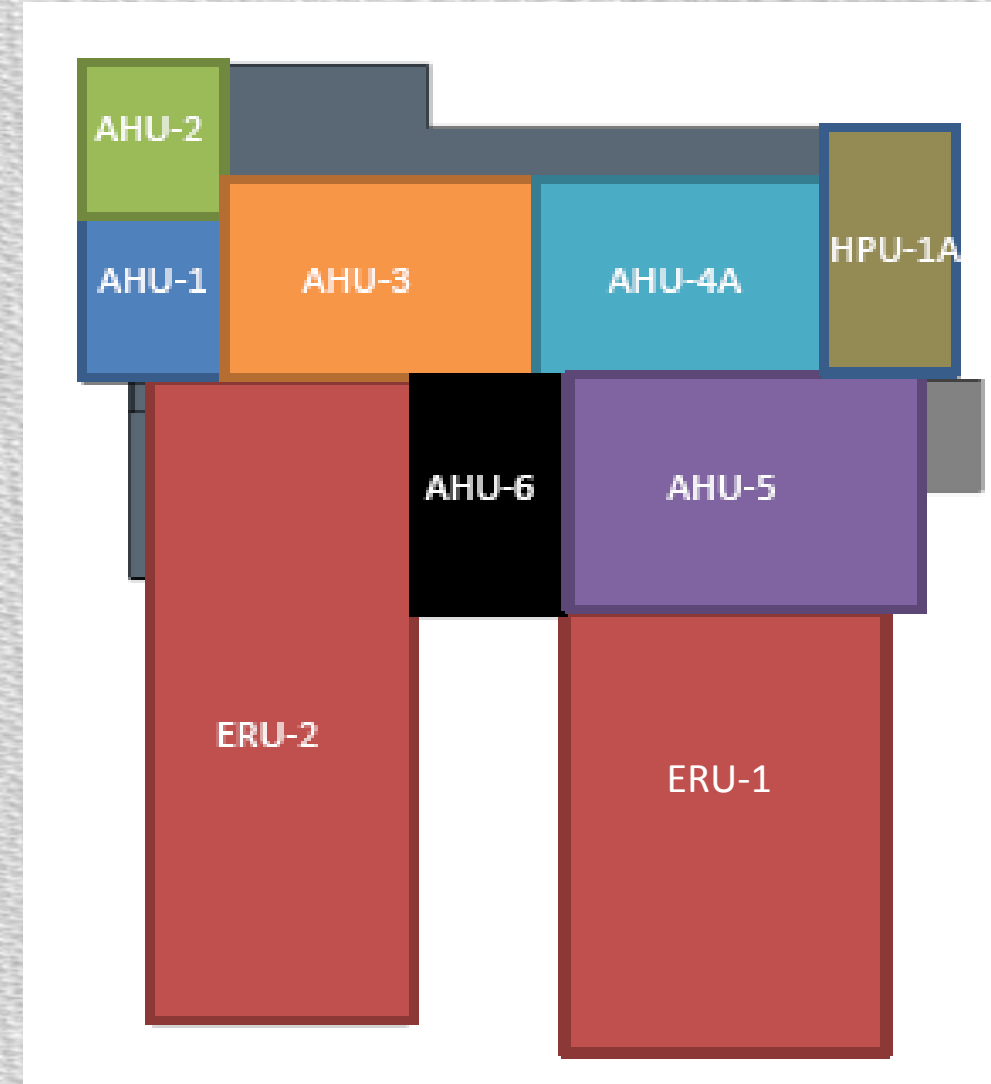
2 pipe changeover system

Two Natural Gas Boilers rotated monthly

Domestic Water Heater

Air Cooled Chiller

## Existing Mechanical Systems



## Air Handling Units

Constant Volume – Rooftop Air Handling Unit

AHU-1 : General Music Classroom

AHU-2 : Instrumental Music Classroom

AHU-3 : Cafeteria

AHU-4A : Gymnasium

AHU-6: Media Center

Variable Volume/ Variable Temperature - Rooftop Air Handling Unit

AHU-5 : Administration

Air Source Heat Pump

HPU-1A – Extended Daycare

Energy Recovery Units – Rooftop Air Handling Units with Fan Coil Units

ERU-1 : Classrooms

ERU-2 : Classrooms

## Mechanical Room

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## Existing Mechanical Systems

Modeled in TRACE

Annual Energy Consumption

Electric : 2,529,487 kWh

Gas : 1,222 therms

Building : 114,845 BTU/(ft<sup>2</sup>-year)

Lighting 52% of Total Building Energy

Primary Cooling 22% of Total Building Energy

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## Re-design Objectives

Reduce energy consumption  
Reduce emissions  
Maintain a comfortable environment  
Be more sustainable

## Re-design Alternative Systems

### Selected Depth Systems

Ground Source Heat Pump  
Solar Panels  
Ventilation Sensors

### Breadths

Occupancy Sensors with Daylighting  
Rainwater collection system

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# Ground Source Heat Pump

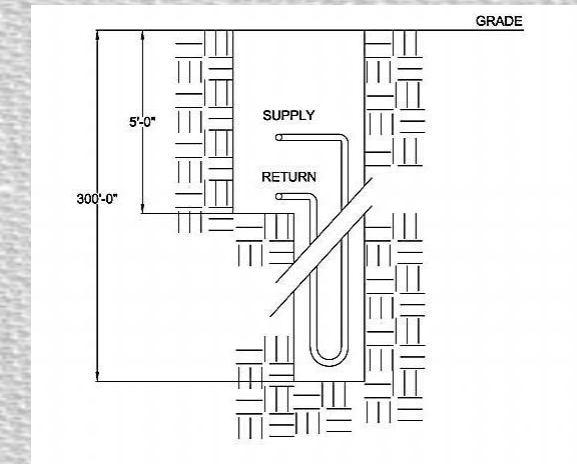
## Selection

Vertical Closed Loop  
Peak Cooling Load > Peak Heating Load  
231 tons

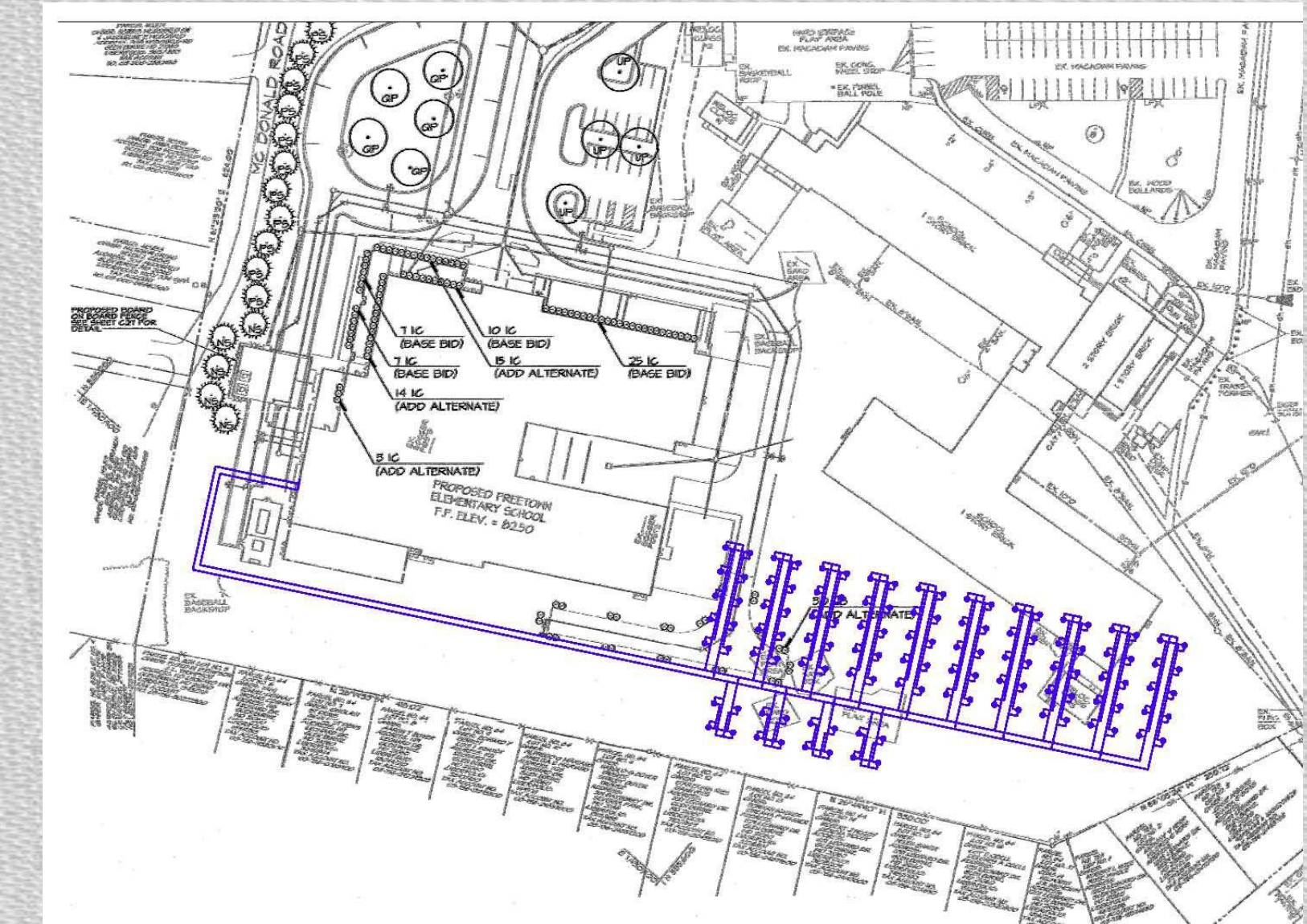
## Layout

2 tons per 300ft = 116 bores  
20 ft spacing between bores

## Layout



**Bore Detail**



# Ground Source Heat Pump

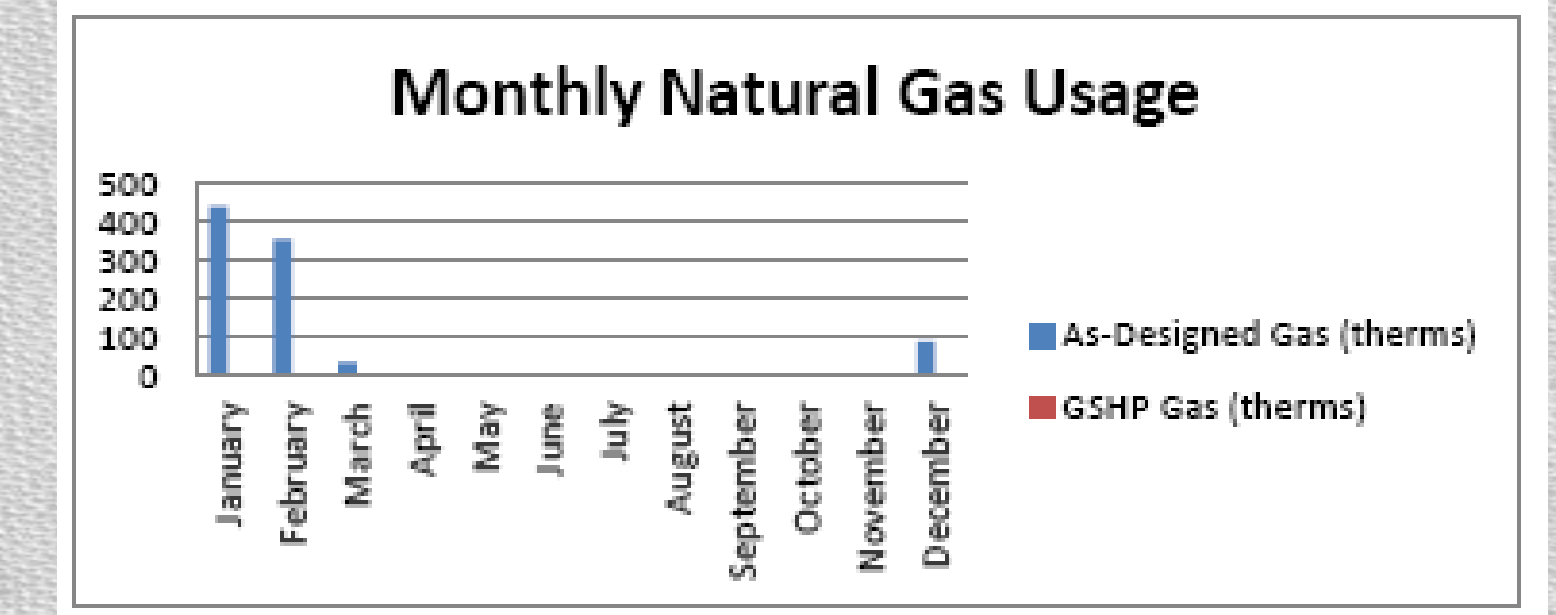
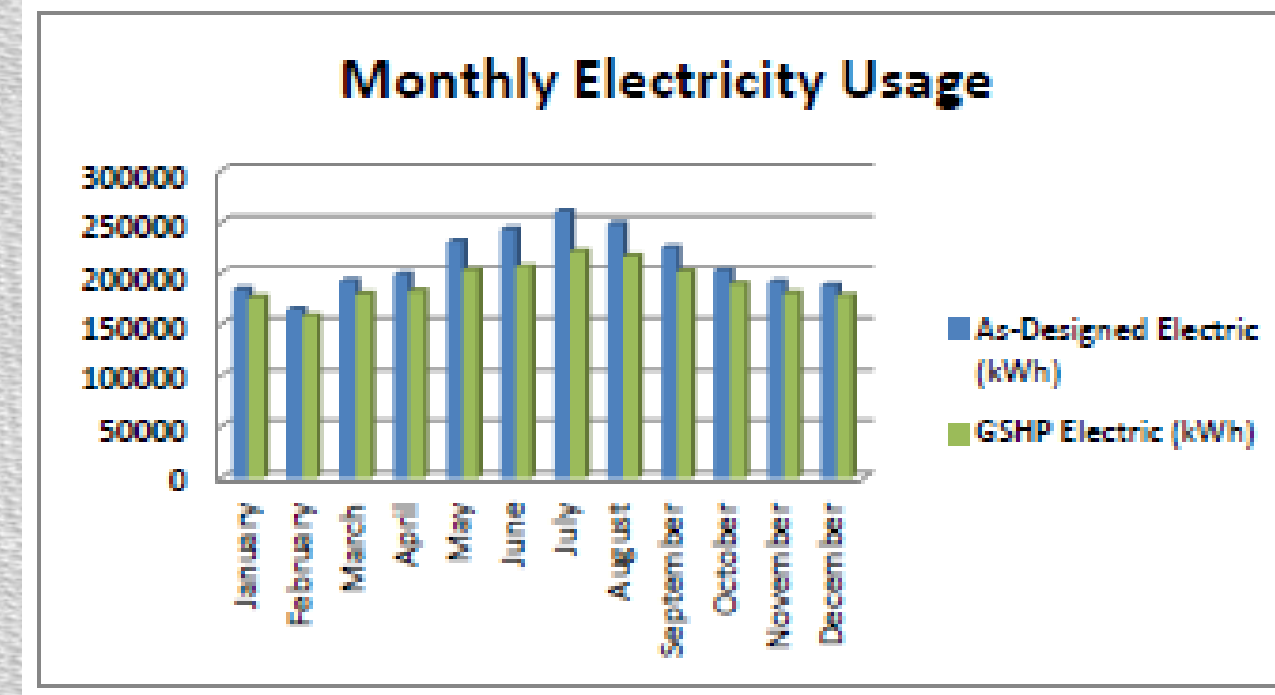
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Annual Energy Consumption

Electric : 2,294,989 kWh

Gas : 0 therms

Building : 103,100 BTU/(ft<sup>2</sup>-year)





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## Ground Source Heat Pump

### Payback

Existing Equipment	First Cost of GSHP	Net First Cost	Savings/yr
\$ 412,080	\$ 601,333	\$ 189,253	\$ 30,550
Payback	6.2		

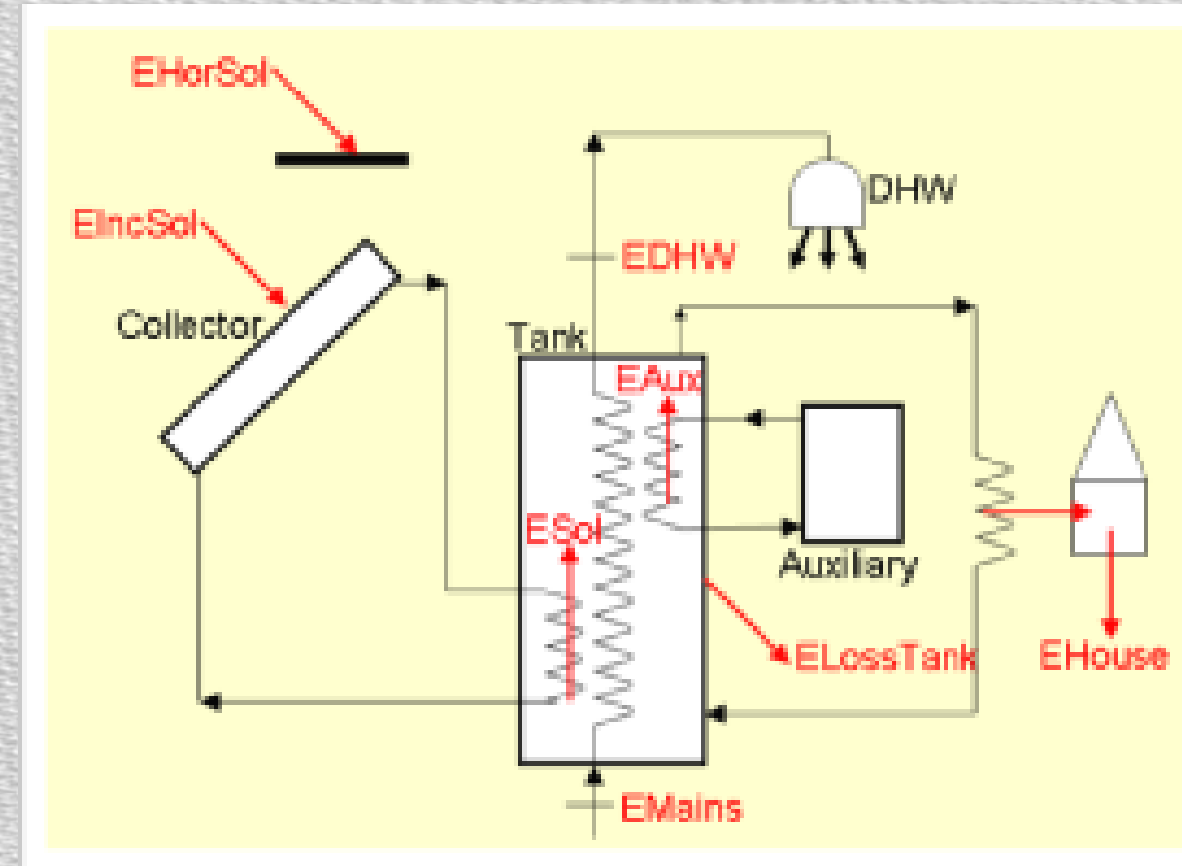
### Emissions

Environmental Impact Analysis			
	CO2 (lbm/year)	SO2 (gm/year)	NOX (gm/year)
As-designed	3,305,591	28,210	6,327
GSHP	2,885,957	24,629	5,524
Savings	13%		

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## Solar Panels



Modeled in Combisys: TRNSED

## Analysis

100% of Space Heating and Domestic Hot Water

Compare to 1,222 therms of Natural Gas

Peak in January : 265,250 BTU/hr

$$UA = q_{hl} / (T_{bp} - T_{out})$$

$$T_{bp} = 65 \text{ deg F}$$

$$T_{out} = 27 \text{ deg F}$$

$$UA = 3267 \text{ W/K}$$

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## Solar Panels

### Footprint and Cost

Solar Panels		
Number of panels	#	471
Footprint required for system	ft <sup>2</sup>	15,072
Price per panel	\$	2,000
Total installed system cost:	\$	942,000

### Comparison

Comparison		Existing Boiler	Solar Panels	Energy Savings
Energy Use	therms/yr	1222	796	35%
Total Charge	\$/therm	0.86	0.86	
Monthly Meter Fee	\$	35	35	Cost Savings
Total cost	\$/yr	1471	1105	25%

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## Solar Panels

Solar Panels for Domestic Hot Water Load								
	payback	89	109	80	66	50	38	47
	first cost	\$ 10,088	\$ 12,609	\$ 9,079	\$ 7,061	\$ 5,044	\$ 2,522	\$ 5,044
	savings	\$ 113	\$ 116	\$ 114	\$ 108	\$ 100	\$ 67	\$ 106
	# panels	7	8	6	5	3	2	3
Collector size	ft2	215.2	269	193.68	150.64	107.6	53.8	107.6
Collector size	m2	20	25	18	14	10	5	10
Storage tank	l/m2	20	18	25	25	30	30	40

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100% Domestic Hot Water

Used year round

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## Ventilation Sensors

### Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC)

Humans – breath, cosmetics – acetone/ethanol/CO<sub>2</sub>

Office Equipment – printers, computers – benzene, styrene

Building materials – paints, carpets – formaldehyde, ketones

### VOC Ranges

Source: BAPI

Table 2 Some Typical VOCs and the Individual Concentrations Needed for 100% output			
Compound	Formula	Range	Potential sources of indoor pollutants
Carbon monoxide	CO	0-10 ppm	Car exhaust, fuel-based heating, cooking appliances, smoking
Methane	CH <sub>4</sub>	0-200 ppm	Natural Gas
Propane	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub>	0-20 ppm	Fuel-based heating, cooking appliances, cleaners
Ethyl Alcohol	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> O	0-3 ppm	Cosmetics, cleaners, disinfectants, paints, coatings, breath
Acetaldehyde	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> O	0-20 ppm	Adhesives, coatings, plastics, lubricants, ripening of fruit, smoking, rosin core solder
Methyl Ethyl Ketone	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O	0-20 ppm	Adhesives, coatings, plastics, lubricants
Toluene	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>8</sub>	0-5 ppm	Paints, coatings, cleaners, detergents, smoking, polyurethane lacquers

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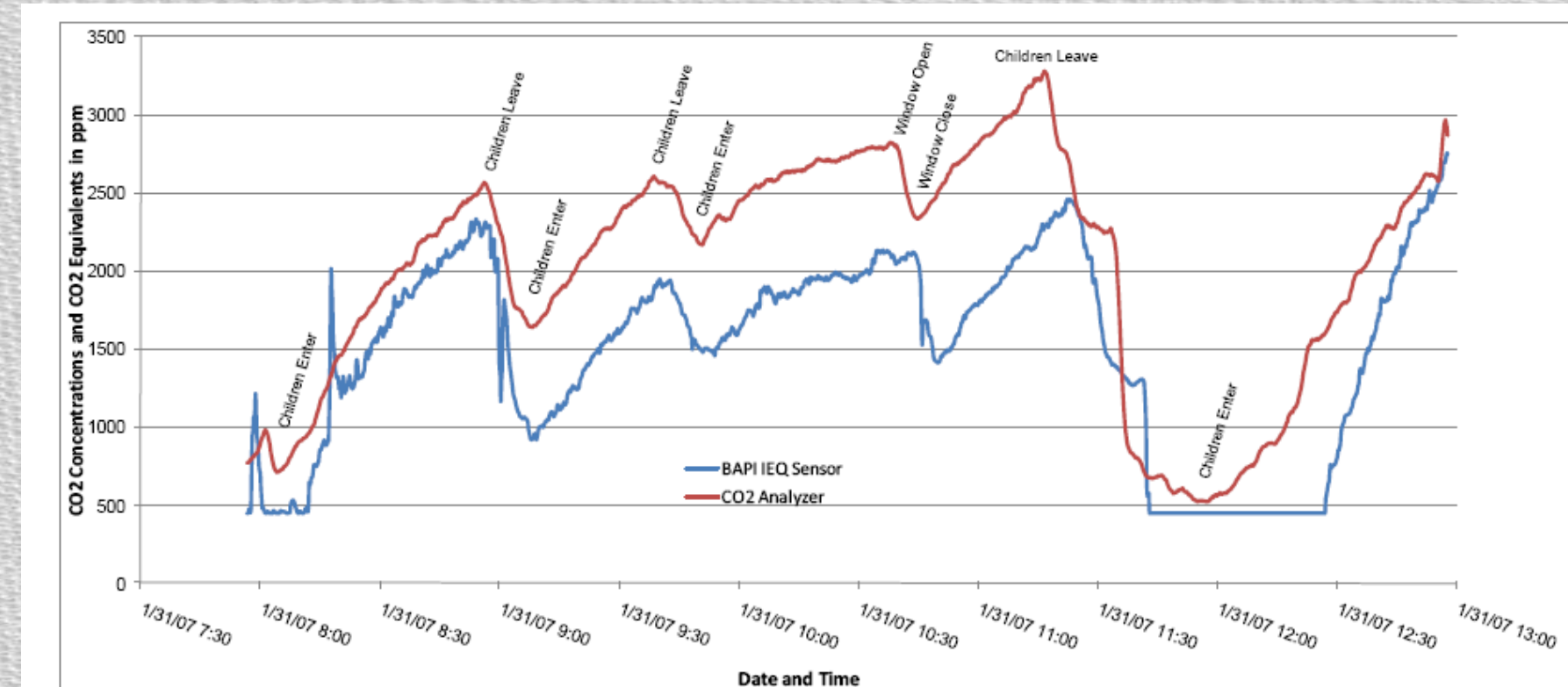


Chart 3: VOCs in an elementary school classroom

Study of a 6,000 cubic foot elementary classroom  
1 teacher and 30 students

Slightly lower because students not wearing cologne, perfume and lotions

IEQ output direct indication of occupancy

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## Lighting Breadth

Occupancy Sensors with Daylighting controls

Infrared  
Ultrasonic  
Dual Technology/Hybrid

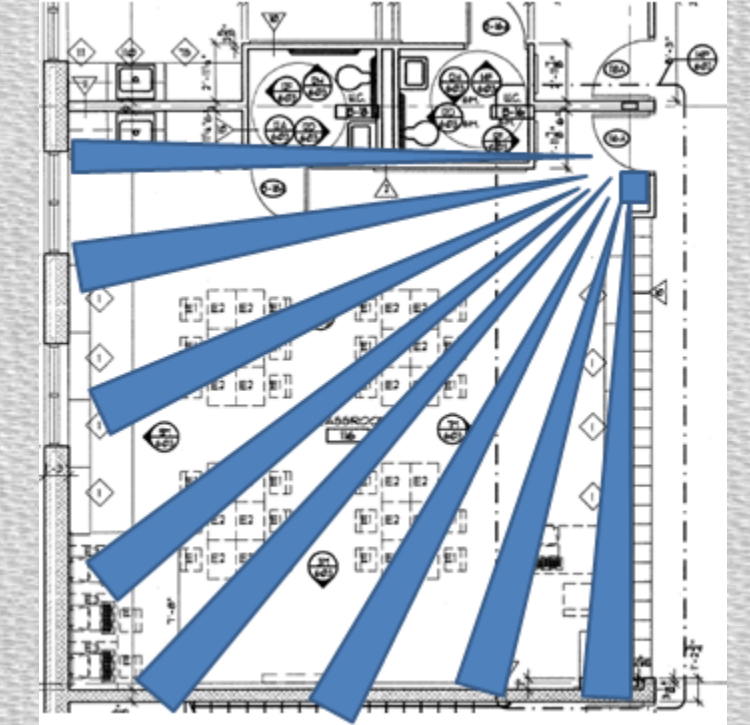
## Control

Automatic switching  
Manual switching  
Dimming ballast for daylighting  
Dimming of different zones

## Sensor

LC-100 Power Pack  
DT-200 Dual Tech. Occ. Sensor  
LS-201 Dimming Photosensor

## Typical Classroom



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# Lighting Breadth

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## Lighting Against Windows

- 2-lamp dimming ballast
- Tandem wiring

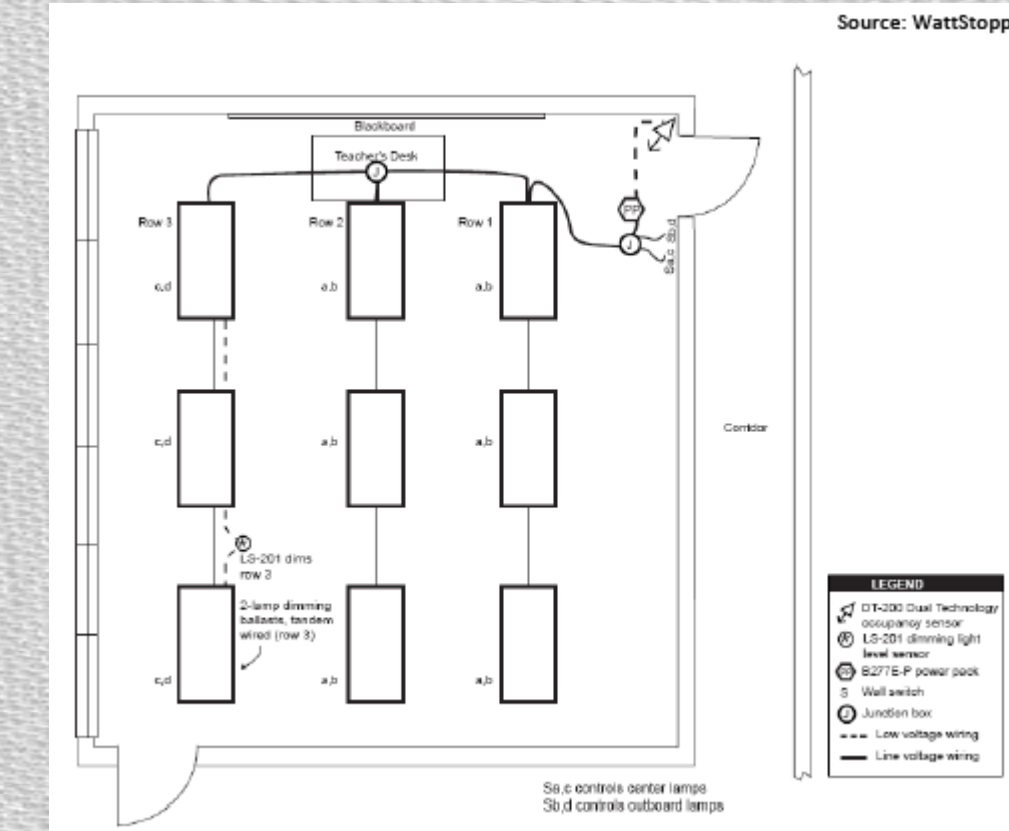
### DT-200

18 minute time delay

### LS-201

Mount between 5 and 8 feet from window

Source: WattStopper



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## Lighting Breadth

Modeled in TRACE as Standard Stepped Controller

Compared to the as-designed lighting controls

### **Savings**

5% energy reduction  
\$14,029 a year in utilities

**Total First Cost \$7,463**  
37 Sensors - \$5,644  
Labor - \$1,819

### **Simple Payback**

6 months

### **Effect**

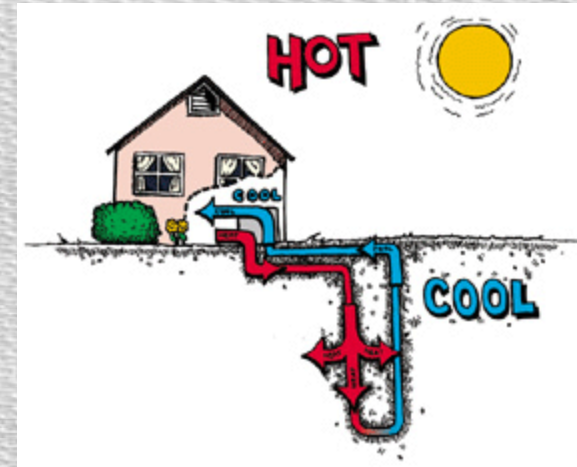
Energy reduction from controls

Increase in energy use for heating with decrease in lighting load

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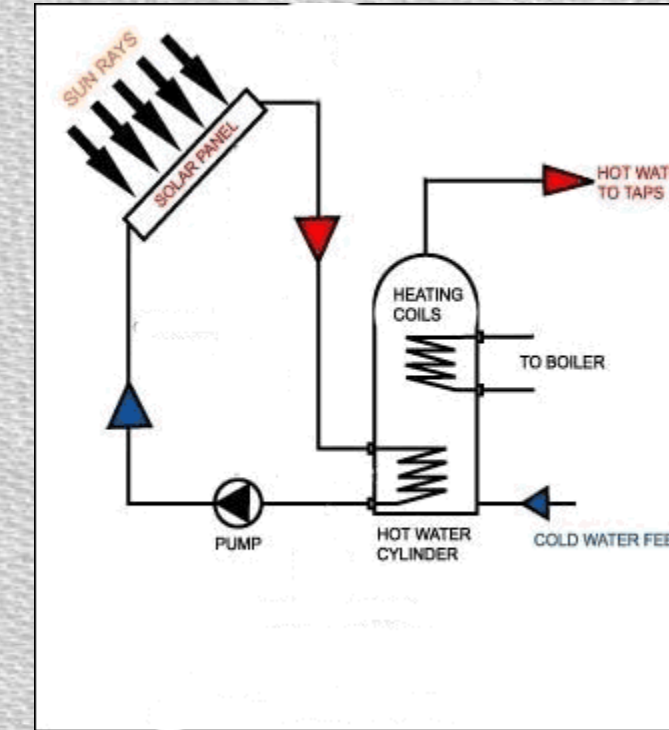
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- Advantages
  - 13% total energy savings
  - Relatively quick payback
- Disadvantages
  - Schedule
  - Weather during construction



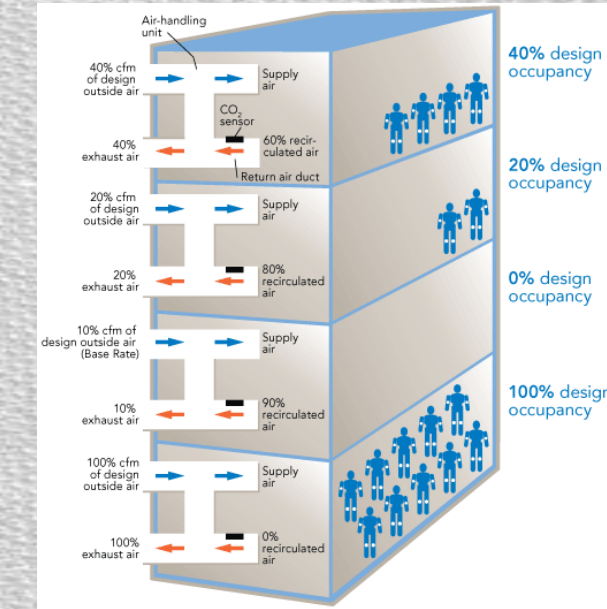
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- Advantages
  - 35% Energy Savings on heating
- Disadvantages
  - Very expensive
  - Long Payback



- Advantages
  - Quick payback
  - Better air quality
- Disadvantages
  - Extra cost

## Ventilation Sensors



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### **Ground Source Heat Pump**

Reasonable Payback at 6.2 years

### **Ventilation Sensors**

Better indoor air quality  
increase in productivity

### **Lighting Occupancy Sensors**

Daylighting

**Thank you**

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**Questions?**