Upper Grand District School Board

Report on Conservation & Cost Savings 2013 - 2018



Introduction

The UGDSB is committed to reducing its consumption of resources and supporting the environmental leadership initiatives of its 3000 staff and 32,000 students. A significant contribution to reducing consumption results from increasing the efficiency of the buildings it operates.

The Board has a long history of initiating upgrades to its buildings to reduce energy consumption. Several initiatives such as the program implemented by Ameresco from 2001 – 2004 specifically targeted system upgrades to save energy. The Board has formalized its commitment to energy reduction in the last 2 years by establishing a team, led by our Energy Manager; dedicated to managing and reducing the energy and water consumed by the Board. The goal of the team, as outlined in the report to Board in April 2019 is as follows:

Promote efficient use of energy at the UGDSB

in order to:

- a) Ensure maximum dollars available to classroom by reducing energy cost;
- b) Increase public confidence in the Board's ability to efficiently operate its schools;
- Demonstrate leadership in the area of environmental stewardship and reduce the Board's carbon footprint.

The Board annually files a summary of the energy consumed at all facilities and maintains an active Energy Consumption and Demand Management Plan as required by Ontario Electricity Act, 1998. The latest 5 year plan was submitted to the Ministry in June 2019¹.

The purpose of this report is to summarize the technical efforts made in the previous 5 year period to increase the efficiency at the Board's facilities. It highlights the results of the initiatives and summarizes the financial impact to the Board.

https://www.ugdsb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Energy-Management-Plan-2019-2024.pdf

Executive Summary

This report highlights the energy/resource reductions and cost savings from the formal conservation efforts of the Board over the past 5 years.

The Energy Audits conducted at the Board's building sites are summarized.

Formal resource tracking measures have been developed over the past 2 years. The measures and some resulting benefits are as documented.

Energy savings efforts form an integral part of the Board's Renewal program. The measured results of 14 major energy projects demonstrate that the Board has reduced the annual cost of energy at those sites by approximately \$300,000 per year and realized a cumulative savings of approximately \$900,000 over a 5 year period.²

By generating electricity the Board earns income or offsets electricity costs by approximately \$450,000 per year. Pursuing energy reduction incentives have netted the Board approximately \$275,000 over 5 years.

In spite of increased energy costs, the Board has generally reduced its spending on energy year over year. Board wide it is estimated that at least \$4,000,000 has been saved in electricity and gas over the past 5 years.

In 2019 the UGDSB was listed in the top 20 Energy Performing School Boards in Ontario based on 2016/17 energy data³.

² Figure 3.5 (http://bit.ly/UGDSB-MajorEnergyProjectSavings)

³ https://sustainableschools.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Enerlife-2019-SUS-Top-Energy-Performing-Boards-Report.pdf

Background

Currently, the UGDSB operates 84 buildings with just under 400,000 square feet of floor space across Wellington and Dufferin Counties, and within the City of Guelph. The average age of the floor space is approximately 40 years old.

The Board has focused on energy reduction by continuously improving the efficiency of its buildings and equipment for well over 20 years. It continues to upgrade its equipment and refine building operations as part of its operations and building renewal program. More recently, increased attention has also been paid to examining the Board's water consumption in order to eliminate waste and reduce costs to the Board.

In addition to the extensive technical efforts of the operations group, the Board supports a number of initiatives aimed at environmental awareness and action. Many of these help promote reduced energy consumption by encouraging changes to the behaviour of the building occupants.

Board Policy #210 Environmental Education sets the strategic direction. The Environmental Education Management Committee (EEMC) was established in 2012 to develop and monitor the Board plan to support Policy #210.

Both a Board wide Energy Conservation Campaign and specific Annual Event days support energy reduction. The Board and School Improvement Plans contain smart goals and strategies that promote energy conservation and many programs at the school level promote environmental awareness and energy reduction.

The UGDSB is the first Public Board in Ontario to obtain 100% Eco-school certification of all its schools in the Board.⁴ At the elementary level, programs such as Earthkeepers and Eco-artists; and at the secondary level CELP, DaVinci and Headwaters, support sustainability and conservation.

At the core of the technical energy reduction efforts are the improvements led by the Board's Energy Management Team and the Board's Renewal Group; implemented by strategically working to achieve the goal of "Promoting Efficient Energy Use".

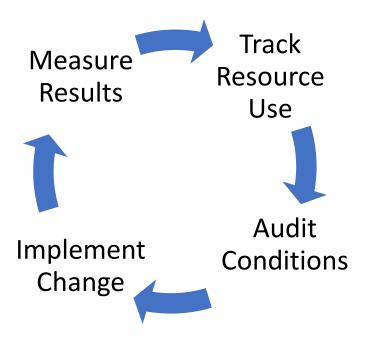
⁴ https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/kitchener-waterloo/upper-grand-school-board-ecoschools-certification-guelph-1.4706312

Strategy of the Energy Management Team

To achieve its goal, the Board's Energy Management Team develops and implements an annual plan to support the following objectives:

- 1. Conduct Walk Through Energy Audits
- 2. Track and Report Board Energy / Resource Use
- 3. Support the Building Renewal Program
- 4. Generate Savings to the Board
- 5. Improve Building Automation Systems (BAS)
- 6. Encourage Behavioural Change
- 7. Foster Professional Development

The team takes a continuous improvement approach to reaching its goal. The above objectives reinforce each other to move toward greater efficiency.



Energy Audits

"Inspecting what you expect" is often a valuable way of ensuring that planned goals are being achieved as anticipated. Over the past 5 years the Board has audited over 30 buildings to review their operation and identify potential energy saving opportunities. The audits and reports were originally performed by outside firms. In recent years the external audits have been supplemented by internal audits conducted by the energy team. These audits have been carefully designed to support the efforts of the schools to reduce their energy consumption.

A summary of the audits completed in the past 5 years is included as Figure 1.1. The audits conducted by Board's team are shown in green.

An example internal audit performed at Drayton Heights PS⁵ is posted for reference on google drive. The front section of the report and the 'did you know' pages are specifically intended to support behavioural change at the school.

Savings specific to these audits are generally difficult to quantify, but addressing the issues discovered, contributes to the overall cost savings realized by the Board.

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⁵ http://bit.ly/UGDSB-Sample-Energy-Audit

Summary of Energy Audits - Fig 1.1

2013/2014	Victoria Terrace P.S.		
2010/ 2011	Westwood P.S.		
	Centre Wellington D.H.S.		
	College Heights S.S.		
	East Garafraxa P.S.		
	Erin P.S.		
	John F. Ross C.V.I.		
2014/2015	Mitchell Woods P.S.		
	Norwell D.S.S.		
	Orangeville D.S.S		
	Parkinson Centennial P.S.		
	Primrose E.S.		
	Wellington Heights S.S.		
	Centre Dufferin D.H.S		
	College Heights S.S.		
2015/2016	Edward Johnson P.S.		
2015/2016	Mono Amaranth P.S.		
	Salem P.S.		
	Westside S.S		
	Alma P.S.		
	Centre Wellington D.H.S.		
	Grand Valley and District P.S.		
2016/2017	Orangeville D.S.S.		
	Princess Elizabeth P.S.		
	Rickson Ridge P.S.		
	Westside S.S.		
	College Heights S.S.		
	Drayton Heights P.S.		
	Erin P.S.		
	Guelph Board Office		
2017/2018	John McCrae P.S.		
	Maryborough P.S.		
	Montgomery Village P.S.		
	Ottawa Crescent P.S.		
Princess Margaret P.S.			
*E	nergy team audits		
			

Tracking Board Energy / Resources Use

Monitoring energy use is the backbone of a successful energy management strategy.⁶ As a result, maintaining an efficient method of tracking the resources used by the Board is a key objective of the Board's energy team overall.

The team focuses on utility tracking in part to:

- Prioritize sites for energy audits and projects,
- Identify consumption and/or billing anomalies,
- Verify that modifications and projects are delivering the expected results.

A significant challenge in the past 5 years has been to develop a reliable and sustainable methodology for tracking and reviewing energy and resource (water) consumption by the Board. The implementation of this initiative is still underway and will need to be adapted over time to reflect changes in the data available and the real time monitoring implemented in the Board's buildings. Even though this is not yet fully implemented, work on this action item is already well underway and some significant benefits and cost savings are resulting from this initiative.

Hydro & Natural Gas

Hydro and gas consumption are tracked and analyzed by month in order to review building performance, and identify anomalies which can be addressed.

Figure 2.1 shows a sample of the monthly utility billing data tracked for each building site. Percentage increases and decreases are easily identified from the data. This helps quickly identify anomalies in either the consumption or billing by the utilities.

Figure 2.2 shows month by month energy consumption trends plotted for review. This allows for a month by month visual analysis. Consumption or billing anomalies are particularly easy to spot in this format.

Figure 2.3 shows annual energy consumption data, plotted against a weather corrected baseline. This data is used to identify opportunities for future savings, identifies site issues to be addressed, and indicates the effectiveness of projects previously implemented.

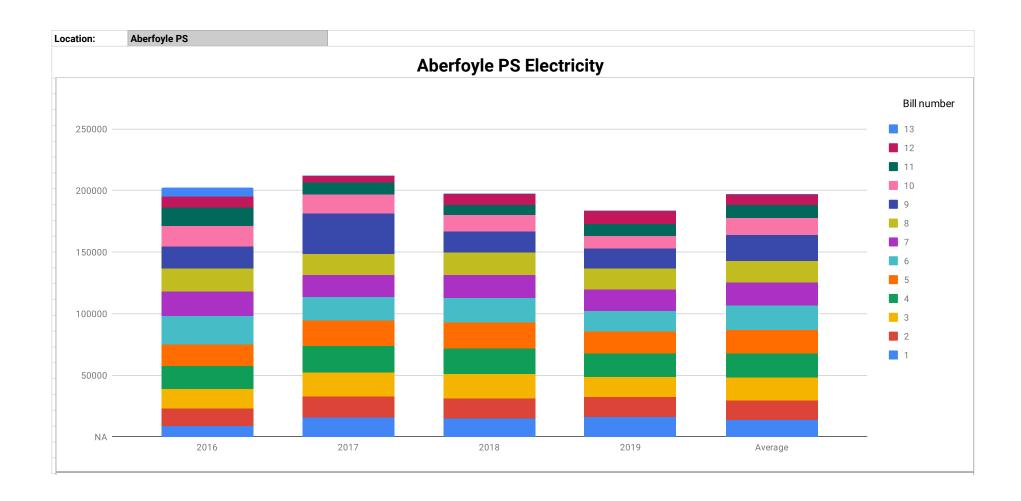
Figure 2.4 for electricity and Figure 2.5 for heating fuel (natural gas, propane & oil), illustrate the trending of data which has been developed to review the performance of all Board sites. These diagrams plot the annual energy intensity⁷ for each site over a 5 year period.

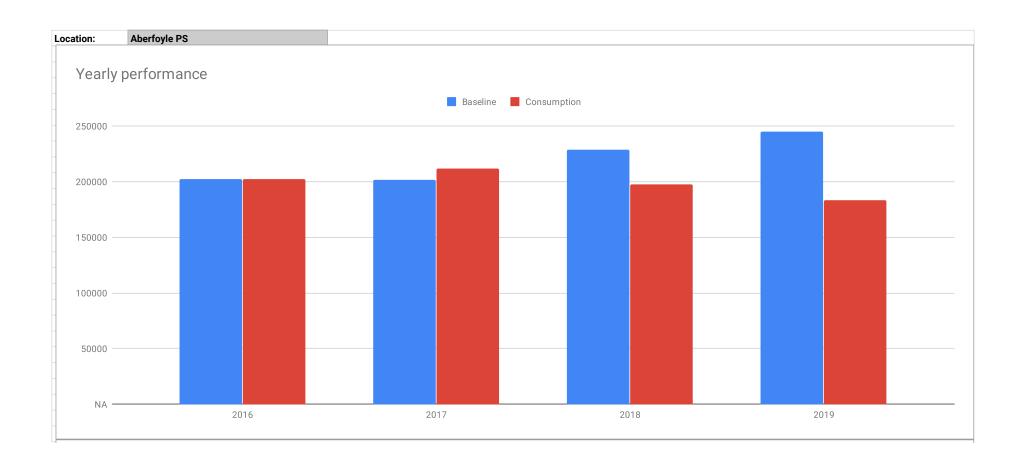
⁶ https://www.mmh.com/wp content/digitallumens wp conent 120215.pdf

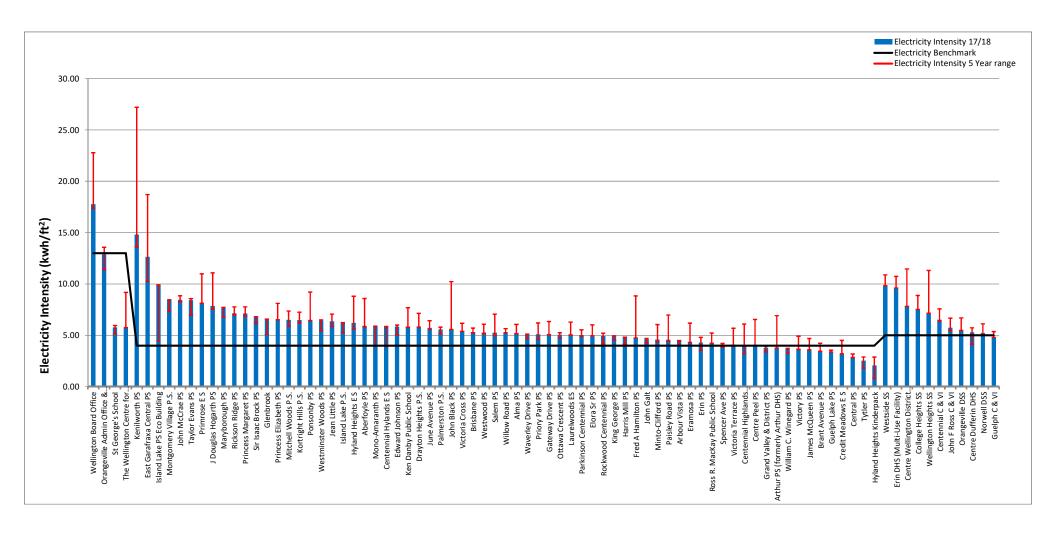
⁷ Energy Intensity is the amount of energy a site uses divided by its floor area

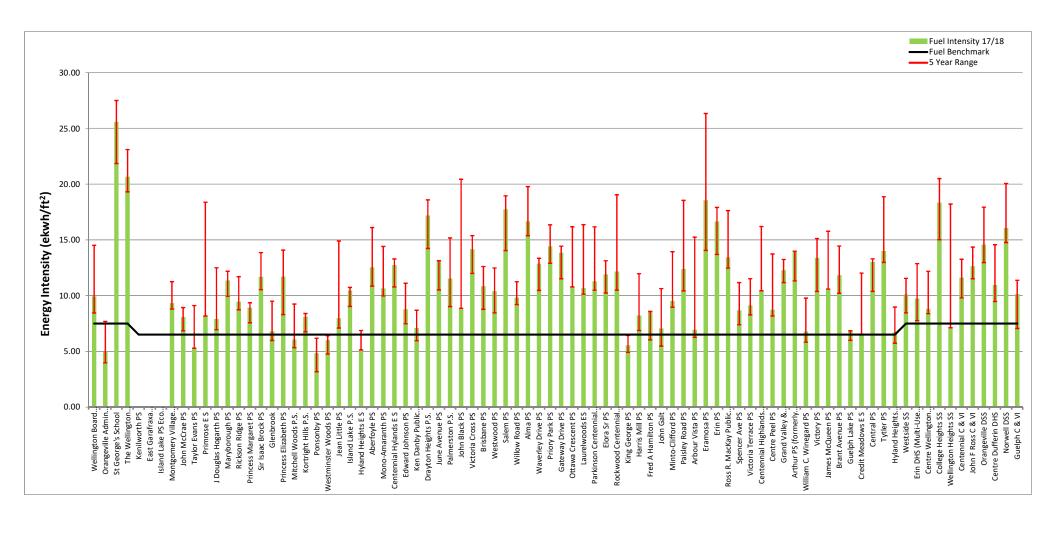
<u>Utility Bill Data</u> - Fig 2.1

Site =	Utility =	FY Bill#=	Consumption =	Previous Bill Consumption =	Last FY Consumption =	% increase from last FY =	FY Running Total =	Last FY Running Total ≡	Running Total % Diff
Aberfoyle PS	Electricity	12	10,080.00	9680	9,120.00	10.53%	183,280.00	197,280.00	-7.10%
Aberfoyle PS	Electricity	11	9,680.00	10720	8,000.00	21.00%	173,200.00	188,160.00	-7.95%
Aberfoyle PS	Electricity	10	10,720.00	16080	13,280.00	-19.28%	163,520.00	180,160.00	-9.24%
Aberfoyle PS	Electricity	9	16,080.00	16640	16,960.00	-5.19%	152,800.00	166,880.00	-8.44%
Aberfoyle PS	Electricity	8	16,640.00	17840	18,640.00	-10.73%	136,720.00	149,920.00	-8.80%
Aberfoyle PS	Electricity	7	17,840.00	16880	18,400.00	-3.04%	120,080.00	131,280.00	-8.53%
Aberfoyle PS	Electricity	6	16,880.00	17360	20,240.0	-16.60%	102,240.00	112,880.00	-9.43%
Aberfoyle PS	Electricity	5	17,360.00	19360	20,800.00	-16.54%	85,360.00	92,640.00	-7.86%
Aberfoyle PS	Electricity	4	19 360 00			-5.47%	68,000.00	71,840.00	-5.35
Aberfoyle PS	Electricity	3	Comparis	on to last FY	bill	-18.97%	48,640.00	51,360.00	-5.30%
Aberfoyle PS	Electricity	2	15,840.00	16400	16,160.00	-1.98%	32,240.00	31,120.00	3/60%
Aberfoyle PS	Electricity	1	16,400.00	9120	14,960.00	9.63%	16,400.00	14,960.00	9.63%
Aberfoyle PS	Electricity	12	9,120.00	8000	5,440.00	67.65%	197,280.00	212,080.00	-6.98%
Aberfoyle PS	Electricity	11	8,000.00	13280	10,000.00	-20.00%	188,160.00	206,640.00	-8.94%
Aberfoyle PS	Electricity	10	13,280.00	16960	14,960.00	-11.23%	180,160.00	196,640.00	-8.38%
Aberfoyle PS	Electricity	9	16,960.00	18640	33,120.00	-48.79%	Comparison t	o last EV 00	-8.15%
Aberfoyle PS	Electricity	8	18,640.00	18400	16,960.00	9.91%	Running Tota	l m	0.92%
Aberfoyle PS	Electricity	7	18,400.00	20240	18,000.00	2.22%	131,280.00	131,600.00	-0.24%
Aberfoyle PS	Electricity	6	20,240.00	20800	19,120.00	5.86%	112,880.00	113,600.00	-0.63%
Aberfoyle PS	Electricity	5	20,800.00	20480	20,560.00	1.17%	92,640.00	94,480.00	-1.95%









Water

Water costs to the Board have been generally increasing on an annual basis. The cost of water Board wide was approximately \$600,000 in the 2017/18 fiscal year. Tracking and review of water consumption by the Board was an obvious extension of the work of tracking energy use. Figure 2.6 shows an example of the data collected from utility bills for water consumption.

Review of the water consumption data revealed several obvious anomalies in water use. Sites were investigated and measures were put in place to correct issues found. Four of the most significant examples are summarized on Figure 2.7(a).

In order to dig further into the high usage sites it was decided to pilot the installation of Board owned flow measuring equipment at sites with high water usage. This resulted in the identification of several other issues which could be detected by the discrete data sampling measurements available from this equipment. Savings from five of the most significant examples realized from this pilot are summarized in Figure 2.7(b).

Since instantaneous alarms can be initiated by the Board owned equipment to alert high water use, corrections to issues detected have begun to be more immediately implemented. As a result, some issues have been detected and repairs made within the billing cycle (ie. prior to any bill received which would be available for analyzing the billing data). Two examples are listed in Figure 2.7(c). The usage chart for the water leak detailed at Taylor Evans PS is included for illustration as Figure 2.8. It illustrates that water use increased to a sustained 9000 litres per hour over the course of a weekend until the leak was repaired. This loss results from a single defective flush valve on a toilet fixture. This event wasted approximately 524,000 litres (524 m³) of water between the time the flush valve malfunctioned and the plumber repaired the leak. Had it not been detected until after the bill was received and the information entered into the database, approximately ten times the water would have been wasted at a cost of approximately \$18,000.

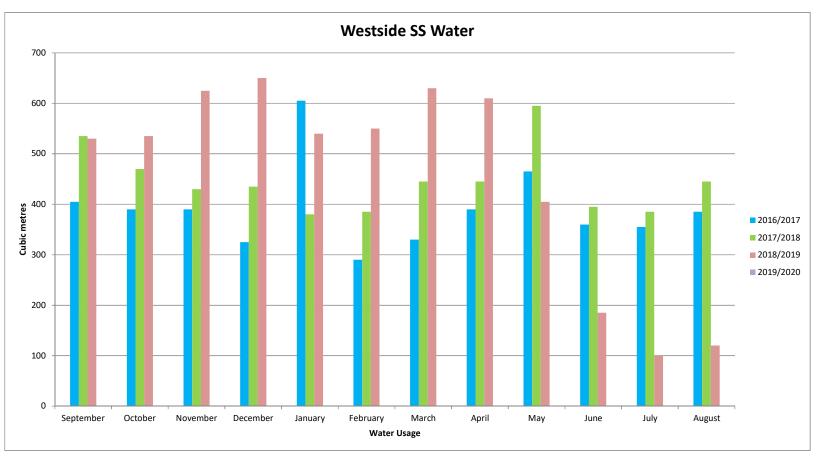
This program is still in its infancy. Based on the few cases presented here, significant savings can be achieved simply by eliminating waste. The examples documented in this report to date, have resulted in an estimated \$80,000 annual savings to the Board. The nature of water consumption (leaks can and will happen at any time) requires that this program, after being fully developed, needs to be maintained to ensure savings into the future.

The team is excited to have purchased sufficient flow measuring devices to deploy at approximately ¾ of our municipally metered buildings across the Board.

We are expecting future success stories resulting in significant cost savings and water conservation over the next 5 years.

Water Bill Tracking - Fig 2.6

	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020
September	405.00	535.00	530.00	
October	390.00	470.00	535.00	
November	390.00	430.00	625.00	
December	325.00	435.00	650.00	
January	605.00	380.00	540.00	
February	290.00	385.00	550.00	
March	330.00	445.00	630.00	
April	390.00	445.00	610.00	
May	465.00	595.00	405.00	
June	360.00	395.00	185.00	
July	355.00	385.00	100.00	
August	385.00	445.00	120.00	
Totals	4690.00	5345.00	5480.00	



Water Billing Anomalies - Fig 2.7 (a)

Location	Means of detection	leave found	Estimated water
Location	ivieans of detection	Issue found	savings per year
Ecole Arbour Vista P.S.	Utility bill analysis	Several flush valves leaking	\$4,000.00
Brant Ave. P.S.	Utility bill analysis	Constant urinal flushing	\$4,000.00
Paisley Road P.S.	Utility bill analysis	Toilet valve and urinal solenoid replaced	\$15,000.00
Westside S.S.	Utility bill analysis	Water cooled fridge found to be dumping water continously	\$4,000.00
		Total	\$27,000.00

Water Monitoring Issues - Fig 2.7 (b)

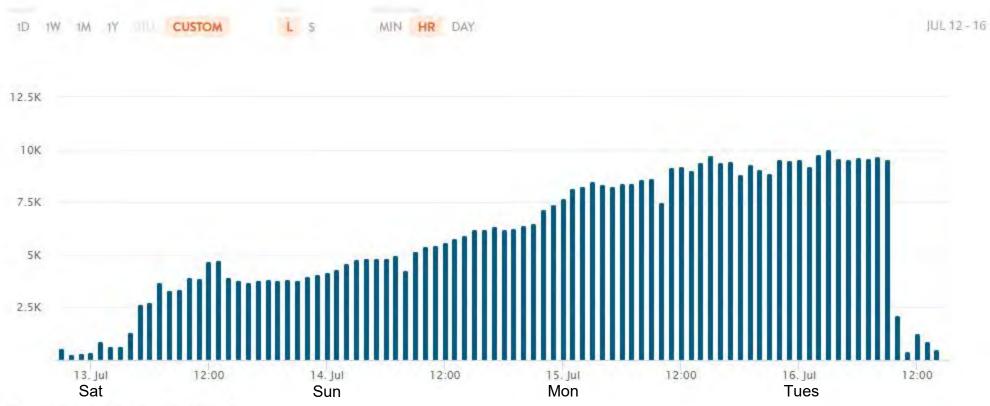
			Estimated water
Location	Means of detection	Issue found	savings per year
CCVI	Water monitor (Flowie)	Incorrectly programmed Irrigation	\$10,000.00
Mono Amaranth P.S.	Water monitor (Flowie)	Urinal flushes too frequent and too long	\$4,000.00
Princess Elizabeth P.S.	Water monitor (Flowie)	Urinal flushes too frequent and too long	\$4,000.00
Spencer Ave. P.S.	Water monitor (Flowie)	Toilets leaking	\$5,000.00
Westwood P.S.	Water monitor (Flowie)	Urinal tanks constantly leaking and flushings too frequent	\$13,000.00
			4
		Total	\$36,000.00

Water Alarm Repairs - Fig 2.7 (c)

Location	Means of detection	Issue found	Interpolated savings over one billing cycle
College Heights	Water monitor (Flowie)	Water softener malfunctioning	\$2,000.00
Taylor Evans P.S.	Water monitor (Flowie)	Toilet valve stuck opening and flushing constantly	\$19,000.00
		Total	\$21,000.00

High Water Use at Taylor Evans - Fig 2.8

Water usage timeline



During this period

524K L TOTAL 5820 L/HOUR AVERAGE

Building Renewal and Energy Projects

Integrating energy saving improvements into the Board's renewal plan is an effective way to increase energy efficiency and decrease energy usage.

The Capital and Renewal department has focused on integrating energy reduction and operational cost savings into renewal projects for over 20 years. In recent years, the formal efforts of the energy team have helped develop renewal projects with an increased focus on energy reduction. The increased resources have resulted in more in-depth project commissioning, promoting projects focused on savings, and formally tracking the performance of major projects. This has, in turn, increased the environmental and economic benefits to the Board.

In addition to renewal projects, specific energy reduction opportunities in school buildings are formally identified, implemented and/or supported by the team.

Increased resources focused on energy reduction and utility tracking in part, support the renewal plan by:

- 1. Supplementing project prioritization based on energy usage and audit results.
- 2. Supporting the development and design of the project details, particularly those affecting energy consumption.
- 3. Providing expertise to review and commission new equipment and adjustments to building operations.
- 4. Providing documented results of the changes implemented.

The energy saving projects included in the Renewal Plan in general consist of:

- major energy projects
- heating HVAC equipment upgrades
- changes and improvements to the walls, floor and roof systems (envelope upgrades)
- conversions of indoor and outdoor lighting to more efficient fixtures.

While the Board attempts to build energy reduction and operational cost savings into every renewal project, the following figures (3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4) summarize the UGDSB's more significant initiatives to reduce energy use grouped in the categories outlined above.

Major Energy Projects - Fig 3.1

Year initiatives commenced	Location	Initiatives completed		
2012/2012	Centre Wellington D.H.S.	VFD retrofits, LED Lighting upgrades, chiller reprogrammed, control system improvements.		
2012/2013	Primrose E.S.	Controls system upgrade and modification, roof renovation, condensing boiler added, cooling tower upgrades, ext and int lighting upgrade to LED.		
2012/2014	Eramosa P.S.	Reduce building air leaks, exhaust modifications, LED lighting upgrades.		
2013/2014	Jean Little P.S.	Air conditioning added, controls upgrade, condensing boiler added, machine and wood shop modifications, roof renovation, heating pumps replaced and power exhaust upgrade.		
	Centre Dufferin D.H.S.	Controls system upgrade, RTU and AHU replacements, 50 kW net metre solar array installed, energy audit, LED lighting upgrade.		
2014/2015	East Garafraxa P.S.	Controls system upgrade, energy walk through.		
2014/2013	Kenilworth P.S.	Controls system upgrade, radiant heating upgrade.		
	Wellington Heights S.S.	Walkthrough audit, control system scheduling modifications, control system and HVAC upgrade, condensing boiler added, LED lighting upgrades.		
2015/2016	Mitchell Woods P.S.	Walkthrough audit, chiller modifications, coil adjustments, cooling tower replacement, rebalanced HVAC, LED Lighting upgrades, VFD calibrations.		
2013/2010	Paisley Road P.S.	LED lighting upgrades, repair to exhaust systems, VFDs on fans, boiler upgrade to condensing.		
	Credit Meadows E.S.	Controls system replacement and HVAC upgrade.		
2016/2017	John Black P.S.	Boiler upgrade to condensing, HVAC upgrades, LED lighting upgrade.		
2016/2017	Laurelwoods E.S.	Controls system replacement, condensing boiler installed, RTU replacements, LED lighting upgrade, roof renovation.		
	Minto Clifford P.S.	Controls system replacement, RTU replacements, roof renovation.		
	Edward Johnson P.S.	Audit, controls system replacement, roof renovation, condensing boiler, heat pump and exhaust fan replacement, lighting upgrades.		
2017/2018	St. Georges Centre ESL	LED lighting retrofit from T12 for entire building.		
	Willow Road P.S.	LED lighting upgrades, unit ventilator controls upgrade, condensing boiler.		

Mitchell Woods P.S.

Priory Park P.S.

2012/2013

Brant Ave P.S.	Centennial Hylands E.S.	Centre Wellington D.H.S.
Primrose E.S.		
	2013/2014	
Eramosa P.S.	James McQueen P.S.	Jean Little P.S.
Victory P.S.		
	2014/2015	
Centennial C.V.I.	Centre Dufferin D.H.S	East Garafraxa P.S.
Jean Little P.S.	John F. Ross C.V.I	Kenilworth P.S.
Rockwood Centennial P.S.	Salem P.S.	Taylor Evans P.S.
Victoria Terrace P.S.	Wellington Heights S.S.	Westside S.S.
Westwood P.S.		
	2015/2016	
Arthur P.S.	Eramosa P.S.	Grand Valley & District P.S.
Guelph C.V.I.	Hyland Heights E.S.	J.D Hogarth P.S.
John F. Ross C.V.I.	Kenilworth P.S.	Norwell D.S.S.
Paisley Road P.S.	Palmerston P.S.	Spencer Ave E.S.
Victoria Terrace P.S.	Wellington Heights S.S.	
	2016/2017	
Board Office	Centre Dufferin D.H.S	Credit Meadows E.S.
Erin P.S.	Guelph C.V.I.	James McQueen P.S.
J.D. Hogarth P.S.	John Black P.S.	John F. Ross C.V.I

2017/2018

Minto Clifford P.S.

Ottawa Crescent P.S.

Laurelwoods E.S.

Orangeville D.S.S.

Rockwood Centennial P.S.

Aberfoyle P.S.	Board Office	Centennial C.V.I.
Centre Wellington D.H.S.	Edward Johnson P.S.	Gateway Drive P.S.
Guelph C.V.I	J.D. Hogarth P.S.	Paisley Road P.S.
Parkinson Centennial P.S.	Primrose E.S.	Taylor Evans P.S.
Willow Road P.S.		

2012/2013

	2012/2013	
Primrose E.S.		
	2013/2014	
Centre Peel P.S.	Eramosa P.S.	F.A. Hamilton P.S.
James McQueen P.S.	Palmerston P.S.	Rockwood Centennial P.S.
Victory P.S.		
	2014/2015	
Board Office	Brisbane P.S.	Centennial C.V.I.
College Heights S.S.	John F. Ross C.V.I	
	2015/2016	
Central P.S.	Centre Dufferin D.H.S.	Guelph C.V.I
Hyland Heights E.S.	John F. Ross C.V.I.	Norwell D.S.S.
Orangeville D.S.S.	Parkinson Centennial P.S.	Victoria Terrace P.S.
Victory P.S.		
	2016/2017	
Alma P.S.	Brant Ave P.S.	Centennial C.V.I.
Erin P.S.	Grand Valley & District P.S.	Jean Little P.S.
Ottawa Crescent P.S.	Princess Elizabeth P.S.	Priory Park P.S.
Waverley Drive P.S.		
	2017/2018	
Aberfoyle P.S.	Board Office	Brant Ave P.S.
Centennial C.V.I.	Centre Wellington D.H.S.	Edward Johnson P.S.
Elora P.S.	Gateway Drive P.S.	Guelph C.V.I
John Black P.S.	Minto Clifford P.S.	Norwell D.S.S.
Ottawa Crescent P.S.	Parkinson Centennial P.S.	Salem P.S.
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Willow Road P.S.

2012/2013

	2012/2013	
Centre Peel P.S.	Centre Wellington D.H.S.	Credit Meadows E.S.
	2013/2014	
Brant Ave P.S.	Eramosa P.S.	James McQueen P.S.
Maryborough P.S.	Paisley Road P.S.	Rockwood Centennial P.S.
Ross R. MacKay P.S.		
	2014/2015	
Centennial C.V.I.	Centre Dufferin D.H.S	College Heights S.S.
Guelph C.V.I.	Maryborough P.S.	
	2015/2016	
Arthur P.S.	Board Office	Brisbane P.S.
Central P.S.	Centre Dufferin D.H.S	Centre Wellington D.H.S.
Elora P.S.	Erin D.H.S	Grand Valley & District P.S.
Guelph C.V.I.	John F. Ross C.V.I.	Norwell D.S.S.
Palmerston P.S.	Princess Elizabeth P.S.	Wellington Heights S.S.
Willow Road P.S.		
	2016/2017	
Board Office	Brant Ave P.S.	Centennial C.V.I.
Centre Dufferin D.H.S	Drayton Heights P.S.	Eramosa P.S.
Gateway Drive P.S.	James McQueen P.S.	John Black P.S.
John F. Ross C.V.I	June Avenue P.S.	Kortright Hills P.S.
Laurelwoods E.S.	Mitchell Woods P.S.	Orangeville D.S.S.
Ottawa Crescent P.S.	Priory Park P.S.	Ross R. MacKay P.S.
Salem P.S.	Victoria Cross P.S.	Waverley Drive P.S.
	2017/2018	
Aberfoyle P.S.	Alma P.S.	Board Office
Centre Peel P.S.	Centre Wellington D.H.S.	Dufferin Office
Edward Johnson P.S.	Elora P.S.	Gateway Drive P.S.
John F. Ross C.V.I.	John Galt P.S.	Norwell D.S.S.
Parkinson Centennial P.S.	Primrose E.S.	Princess Elizabeth P.S.

St.Georges Centre E.S.L

Willow Road P.S.

Tytler P.S.

Rockwood Centennial P.S.

Westwood P.S.

Monitoring Results

Project monitoring is an important component of the Board's continuous improvement approach to building renewal and energy conservation. In addition, we believe that to be most effective, our Renewal and Energy Reduction initiatives need to be planned, implemented and then monitored. Ongoing monitoring not only ensures accountability, but also provides the opportunity to:

- Optimize project components,
- Identify operational and behavioural issues which limit conservation efforts,
- Identify new conservation opportunities for implementation and,
- Identify and implement highly successful project components at other Board sites.

Many of our energy reduction initiatives are implemented as specific projects in our buildings, based on either performance issues or identified significant cost saving potential. Monitoring changes to the facilities' energy use after a project has been completed documents any savings generated. This allows comparison of the actual measured results to the expected results and the financial impact of the improvements to be summarized.

Simply stated, energy consumption at renovated sites is formally tracked to verify expected outcomes. The documented results from many of the most significant projects in the past 5 years, follow. These examples illustrate that achieving energy reduction requires a significant, continued effort to refine the intended improvements and implement subsequent changes.

The specific project reports are followed by a summary page (Figure 3.5) which highlights the calculated savings from the project initiatives. While not all the project initiatives are included here, annual savings from these projects are estimated at almost \$300,000 and the cumulative savings estimated are over \$900,000.

School	Wellington Heights S.S.		Location	Mount Forest		
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Project Details	2016 - Audit walkthrough	l				
	- Controls, HVAC an	d condensing boiler upgra	de			
	2017 - Machine and woo	d shop modifications				
	2018 - Power exhaust up	grade				
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Savings	2017/2018	\$11,302		\$53,786		
	Cumulative	\$21,094		\$99,781		

School	Centre Wellington D	.H.S.	Location Fergus					
	2013- VFDs added to gym unit, library units and cooling tower							
Project Details	2015 - Lighting repla	cement of exterior lighting and gym to LED						
	2016 - Chiller reprog	rammed to start on classroom demand						
	- Ashrae II Ene	rgy Audit- Full audit of gas, water, and electrica	al systems					
	- Total of 30 T-	-8, and 16 HID gym fixtures changed to LED						
		ed VFDs to run on classroom demand						
	2018- Energy team a							
	· ·	mons LED lighting upgrade, domestic hot water	controls					
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	Range	\$ saved on Natural Gas	\$ saved on Electricity					
Savings	2017/2018	\$13,324	\$109,772					
J	Cumulative	\$61,945	\$383,534					

School	Mitchell Woods P.S.			Lo	ocation Guelph		
	2016 - Modified chill		on room demand	-	-		
	- Energy walkth						
Project Details	2017 - Drained coil fo	or makeup air ui	nit and now using	strictly reheat			
	- Cooling tower	replacement					
	- Rebalanced a	irflows in school	and slowed down	VFD			
	- Lighting upgr	ade to LED, rew	red lighting circuit	ts to reduce usa	ge		
	2018 - Air handler VF	FD failed, wastin	g energy				
	- Replaced faile	ed VFD and resto	red energy saving	S			
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Savings	2017/2018	+	\$2,606		\$3,799		
	Cumulative		\$6,431		\$18,750		

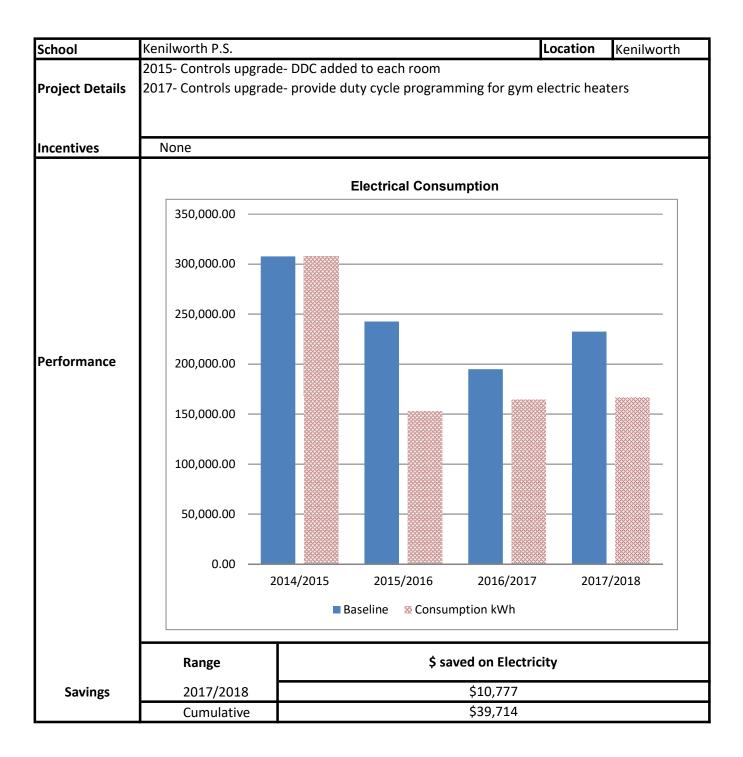
School	Primrose E.S.		Location Shelburne					
	2013- Controls upgrade							
Project Details	- Roof insulation							
	2017- Controls system	modification for efficiency						
	2018- Condensing boile	r, heat recovery mods, cooling tower	upgrades					
	- Ext. and int. light	ing upgrade to LED (foyer stairwells,	gym) including controls					
Incentives	None							
		Gas Consumption						
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	Range	\$ saved on Natural Gas	\$ saved on Electricity					
Savings	2017/2018	\$3,520	\$19,903					

School	Eramosa P.S.		Location	Rockwood
Project Details	2014- Sealant and exterion 2016- Exhaust system fou 2017- LED lighting in Gym	and to be oversized. Modifications	s to reduce volume	2.
Incentives	None			
Performance	50000 45000 40000 35000 25000 15000 10000 5000 0 2013/2014	■ Baseline	2016/2017 20	117/2018
	Range	\$ saved on Oil	\$ save	d on Electricity
Savings	2017/2018	\$2,750		\$6,014
	Cumulative	\$12,925		\$20,244

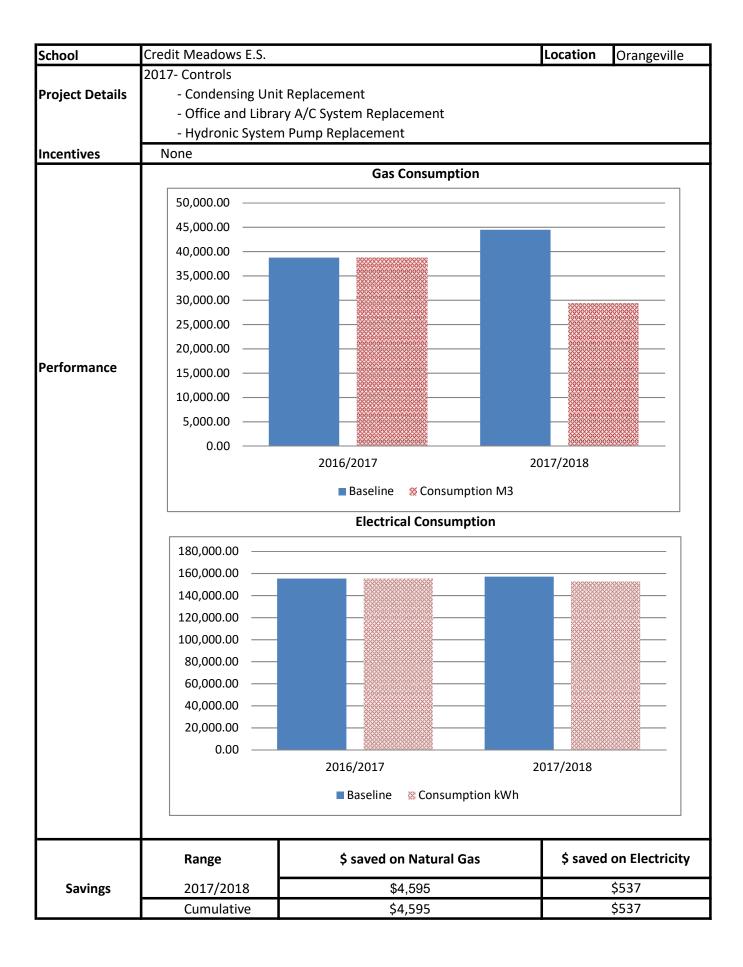
School	Jean Little P.S.		Location Guelph					
	2013 - Air conditioning	added	-					
	2014 - Addition of condensing boiler to support 2 originals							
Project Details	2015 - Controls upgrad	e- AHU schedules trimmed back to not run	24-7					
	2017 - Machine and w	ood shop modifications, roof replacement						
	2018 - Power exhaust	upgrade and heating pumps replaced						
Incentives	None							
Performance	70,000.00 — 60,000.00 — 50,000.00 — 30,000.00 — 20,000.00 — 20,000.00 — 2012	Gas Consumption	2016/2017 2017/2018					
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	Range	\$ saved on Natural Gas	\$ saved on Electricity					
Savings	2017/2018	\$ saved on Natural Gas \$3,693	\$3,959					
Javiligs			\$15,382					
	Cumulative	\$15,608	713,302					

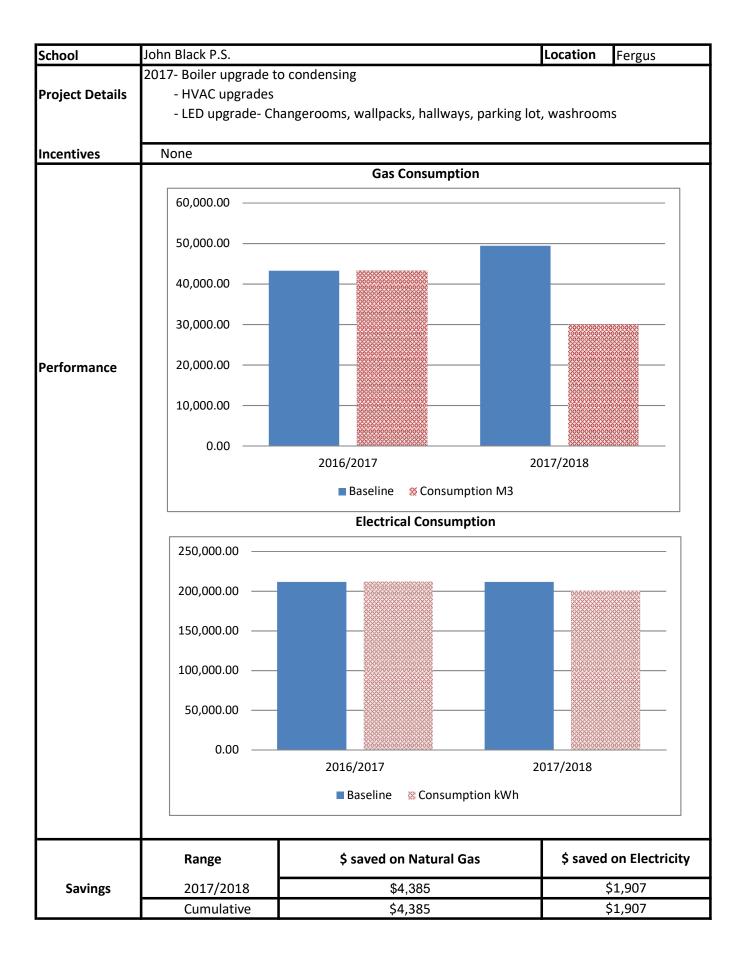
School	Centre Dufferin D.H.S	S.		L	ocation Shelburne			
Project Details	2015- Controls upgrade, 8 RTU replacements, LED in stairways, foyer and hallways 2016- 50kw solar array commissioned and operational in November of 2015 2017- Walkthrough audit -LED lighting upgrade- Gym, exterior wall packs, soffits -Controls upgrades (cafeteria, teaching kitchen, tech shops)							
Incentives	None	des (careteria, t	eaching kitchen, t	ecii silops)				
incentives	Gas Consumption							
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Savings	2017/2018 Cumulative	1	\$840		\$3,018 \$37,699			
	Cumulative		\$9,289		وو <u>م, ،</u> ود			

School	East Garafraxa P.S.			Loca	otion Orangeville
	2015- BAS controls pr				-
Project Details	2016- Energy walkthro	ough			
ncentives	None				
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	Range		\$ sav	ved on Electricity	
Savings	2017/2018			\$9,574	
	Cumulative			\$28,329	



School	Paisley Road P.S.				Location	Guelph			
	2014- Parking lot and								
Project Details		- Repair to exhaust systems							
	2016- VFDs on fans								
	2018- Boiler upgrade	to condesin	g						
Incentives	None								
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School	Laurelwoods E.S.		Location Amaranth					
	2017- Controls system re	eplaement	-					
Project Details	- Boiler upgrade to o							
	- RTU replacement for 2,5,6,7							
	- LED lighting upgrad	de						
	2018- Roof renovation							
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	Range	\$ saved on Natural Gas	\$ saved on Electricity					
Savings	2017/2018	\$770	\$5,967					
-3111183	Cumulative	\$770	\$5,967					

School	Minto Clifford P.S.		Location Minto			
Project Details	2017- Controls replacement - RTU replacement (7 units) 2018- Roof replacement					
Incentives	None					
Performance	50,000.00 — 45,000.00 — 35,000.00 — 25,000.00 — 10,000.00 — 5,000.00 — 0.00 — 250,000.00 — 200,0	Gas Consumption 2016/2017 Baseline © Consumption Electrical Consumption				
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	Range	\$ saved on Natural Gas	\$ saved on Electricity			
Savings	2017/2018	\$1,790	\$1,814			
	Cumulative	\$1,790	\$1,814			

School	F.A. Hamilton P.S.	Hamilton P.S. Location Guelph							
		09 – Boiler retrofit and controls upgrade							
Project Details		l1 – Addition and renovation							
	2015 – Removal of 8 p	L5 – Removal of 8 portable classrooms							
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Incentives	None	Gas Consumption							
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Major Energy Project Savings - Fig 3.5

Year initiatives commenced	Location	\$ saved on gas/oil and electric 2017/2018 Cumulative savings since project sta			
2012/2013	Centre Wellington D.H.S.	\$123,096.00	\$445,479.00		
	Primrose E.S.	\$23,423.00	\$63,557.00		
2013/2014	Eramosa P.S.	\$8,764.00	\$33,169.00		
	Jean Little P.S.	\$7,652.00	\$30,990.00		
2014/2015	Centre Dufferin D.H.S.	\$3,858.00	\$46,988.00		
	East Garafraxa P.S.	\$9,574.00	\$28,329.00		
	Kenilworth P.S.	\$10,777.00	\$39,714.00		
	Wellington Heights S.S.	\$65,088.00	\$120,875.00		
2015/2016	Mitchell Woods P.S.	\$6,405.00	\$25,181.00		
	Paisley Road P.S.	\$15,492.00	\$61,279.00		
2016/2017	Credit Meadows E.S.	\$5,132.00	\$5,132.00		
	John Black P.S.	\$6,292.00	\$6,292.00		
	Laurelwoods E.S.	\$6,737.00	\$6,737.00		
	Minto Clifford P.S.	\$3,604.00	\$3,604.00		
	TOTAL SAVED	\$295,894.00	\$917,326.00		

Incentives & Income Generated

Solar

The UGDSB installed solar photovoltaic (PV) technology to generate electricity at various sites beginning in 2012. The majority of power that is generated is enrolled in the Province's Feed-In-Tariff program (microFIT). All new installations are 'Net-metered' installations. Figure 4.1(a) shows the amount of energy generated in fiscal year 2018/19. Figure 4.1(b) shows the revenue generated from the microFIT program along with the dollars saved from the energy generated at the net-metering sites.

In 2012, the Board initiated applications to install solar panels to generate electricity at all of the elementary school sites. Forty-two (42) microFIT systems were approved and solar array systems were installed to produce electricity. The electricity produced is sold to the Province for \$0.80/kWh at these sites.

After the IESO⁸ cancelled the MicroFIT program, the only reasonable option to connect the Board to the grid was by net-metering. Connected in this fashion, the Board offsets the power it consumes with the power it generates. The Board has installed net-metered solar arrays at 3 sites, (50kW array at Centre Dufferin DHS in 2015/16, and 10kW arrays at Guelph Lake PS and John F Ross CVI in 2016/17). As the cost of electricity rises, the payback on these net-metered systems becomes more valuable to the Board.

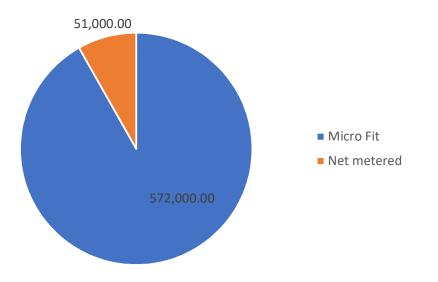
The introduction of a formal energy team in 2019 has allowed the Board to better focus on the production/maintenance of our solar arrays. This effectively increased the efficiency of the systems, and thus the dollars paid back to the Board. Figure 4.2 summarizes the total earnings from electricity generated by the Board's solar installations; totaling almost \$2.2 million in the past 5 years.

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⁸ IESO – Independent Electricity System Operator

2017-18 kWh Generated - Fig 4.1 (a)

2017-18 Solar \$ Earned - Fig 4.1 (b)



\$444,000.00

\$14,000.00

Total Generated: 623,000 kWh

Total Earned: \$458,000

\$ Earned From All Solar Projects - Fig 4.2



Total Earned: \$2,172,000 (incl. HST)

Incentives

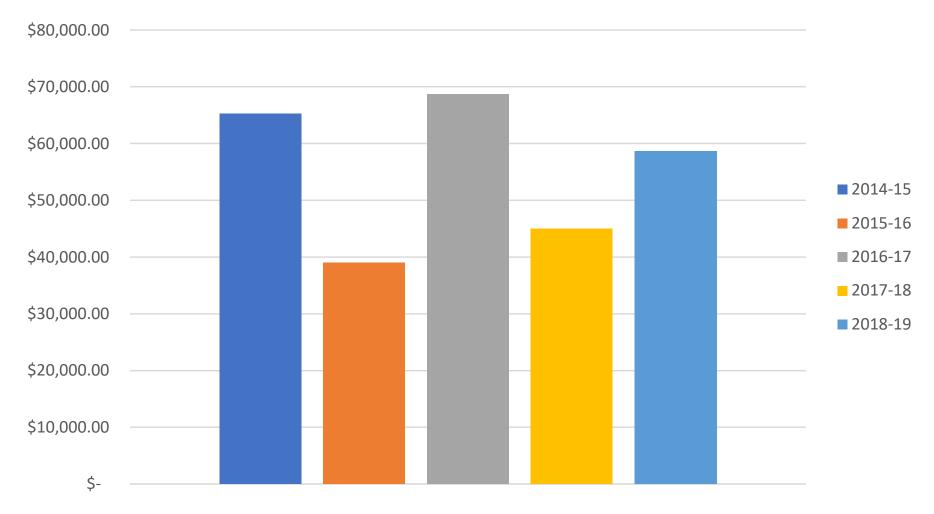
In the past number of years there have been financial incentives from governments or utility providers for implementing energy saving measures or purchasing more efficient equipment. When planning energy renewal projects, paying particular attention to the incentives available and the rules regarding the application can provide revenue to help fund the projects. Researching and applying for incentives to fund cost reduction measures helps the Board get a faster return on investment.

Over the past 5 fiscal years, the Board has received over \$270,000 in incentive funding from various agencies to support the implementation of energy efficient projects. Figure 4.3 summarizes the incentive funds received. The UGDSB is dedicated to applying to incentive programs and will continue to investigate incentive programs in the future to help support our goals.

Billing Errors

Ensuring accuracy of the utility bills to the Board may become more of a focus in future years. To date almost \$25,000 has been returned to the Board as a result of identified billing anomalies.

Incentive Funds Received - Fig 4.3



Total Received: \$276,000

Energy Savings Board Wide

A significant component of the 5 year Energy and Demand Management Plan filed with the Ministry of Energy is the setting of targets for energy reduction. The Board's success in its efforts to meet its target along with targets for the next 5 years are documented in the plan filed in June of 2019 which is available on the Board's website.

Energy conservation results in cost savings to the Board by reducing the amount used and by partially offsetting the cost increase of utilities. In addition to the raw energy usage data supplied annually to the Ministry of Energy, it is useful to also review the financial impact of the energy conservation initiatives Board wide.

It is interesting to note that the GSN⁹ from the province provides increases to the non-staff component of the Operations Grant in part to offset the increase cost of utilities, recognizing that the cost of utilities to Boards is on the rise. Figure 5.1 summarizes the average cost of utilities to the UGDSB over the past 5 years.

Even in light of these increases, the Board's cost for energy has generally trended down. Figure 5.2 shows the cost of utilities to the Board over the past 5 years.

Since utility consumption is affected by the weather in any particular year and the cost of utilities varies, savings to the Board cannot be estimated by simply comparing the cost to the Board year over year. In addition, not all initiatives result in energy savings; in some cases increased energy use is expected; for example adding air conditioning or increased ventilation.

For the purpose of estimating the overall savings to the Board, the overall energy use over the past five years is compared to the weather normalized base year. This is a conservative approach since some of the actual savings are offset by increased use resulting from planned improvements.

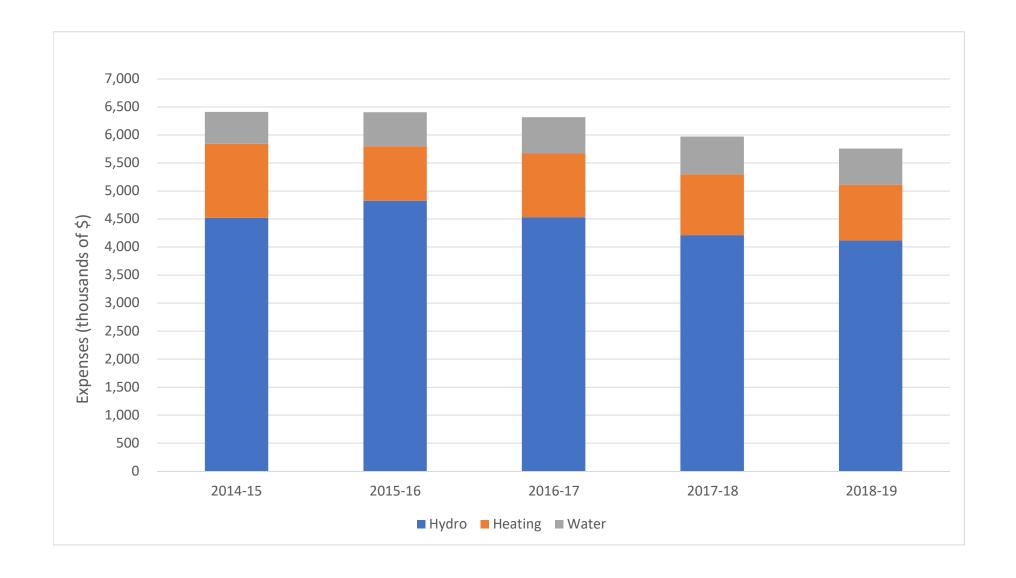
The electrical consumption plotted against the weather adjusted baseline over the past 5 years is summarized in Figure 5.3. The natural gas consumption is summarized in Figure 5.4. These two figures highlight, in grey, the net results Board wide, of the energy conservation efforts both technical and behavioural.

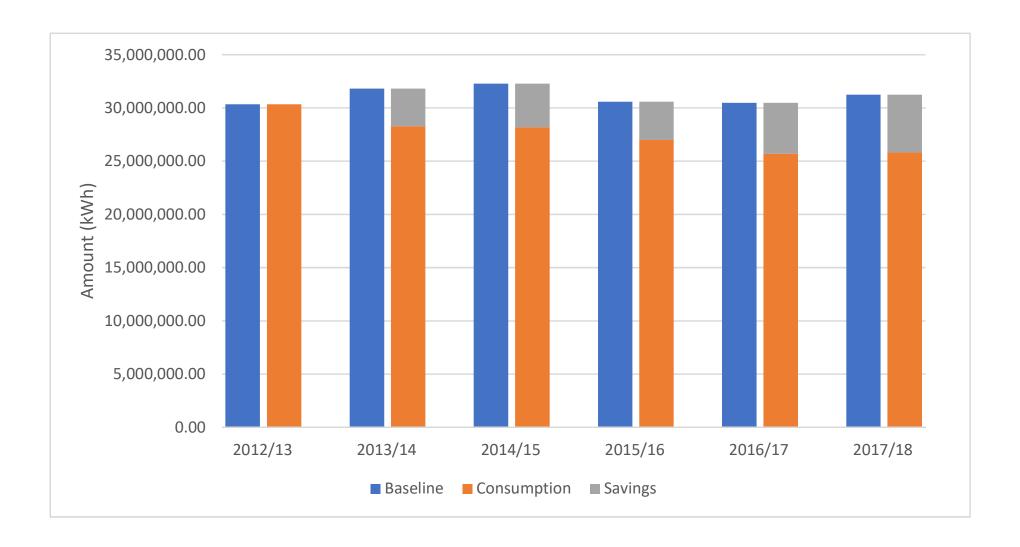
Figures 5.5 and 5.6 provide the estimated dollar value of the resulting savings to the Board. Board wide the estimated net savings from electricity and gas are approximately \$4,000,000 over the past 5 years; approximately \$3.55 million from electricity and the remainder from natural gas. This data suggests that, as a result of energy conservation initiatives Board wide, the Board is spending about \$900,000 less per year on utilities then it would have, if no conservation measures were introduced.

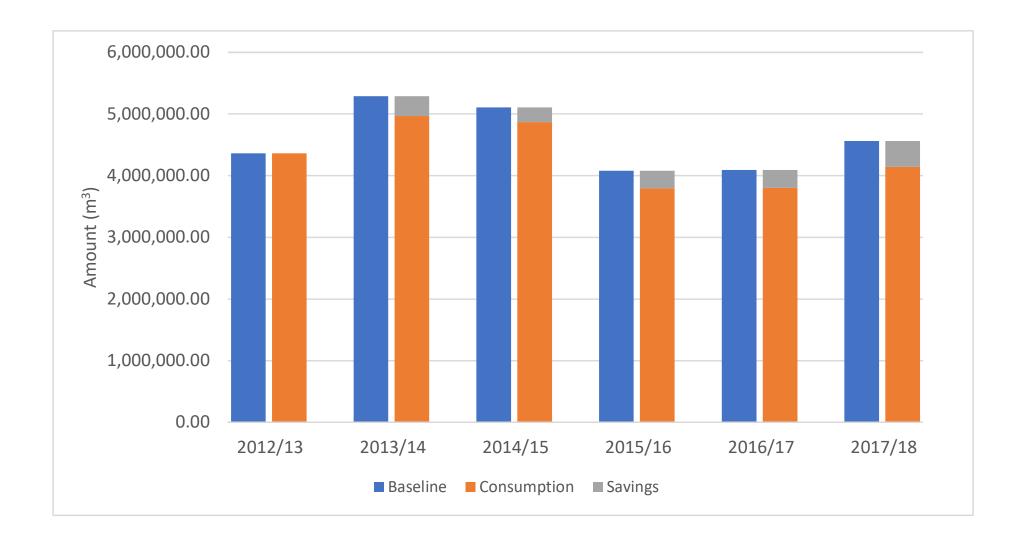
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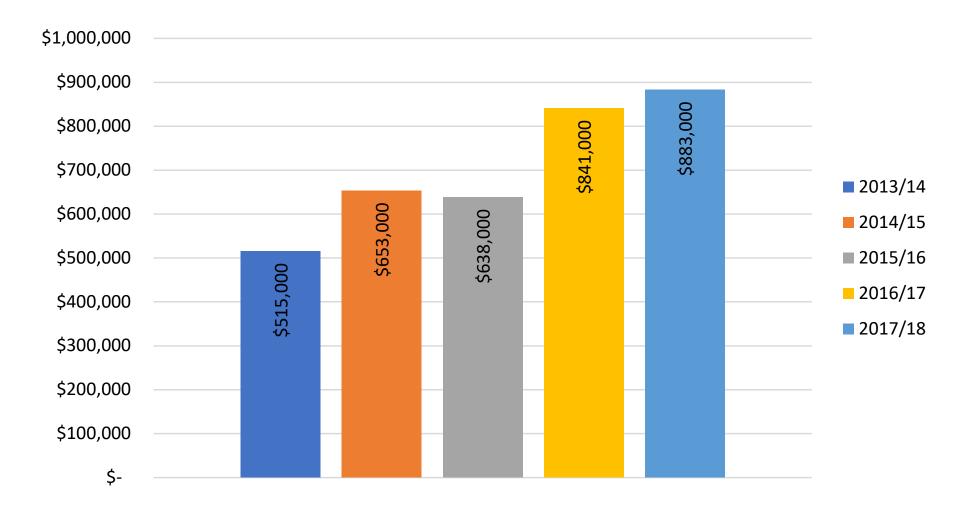
⁹ GSN – Grant for Student Needs

	Electricity		Natural Gas		Water	
FY	\$/kWh			\$/m³		\$/m³
2013-14	\$	0.12	\$	0.23	\$	2.57
2014-15	\$	0.15	\$	0.24	\$	3.70
2015-16	\$	0.16	\$	0.26	\$	3.67
2016-17	\$	0.18	\$	0.25	\$	4.33
2017-18	\$	0.17	\$	0.28	\$	4.03
2018-19	\$	0.16	\$	0.24	\$	4.27

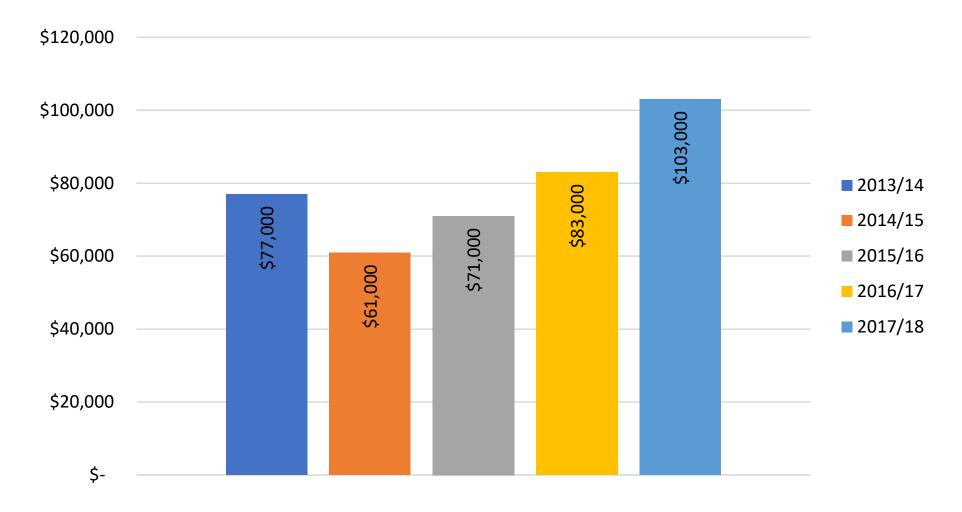








Total Savings: \$3,530,000



Total Savings: \$395,000

Energy Benchmarks and Sustainable Schools

From time to time, the Sustainable Schools, on behalf of the Ontario Government, reviews the utility data submitted by all the school boards in Ontario. It uses this data to compare how Boards are performing against theoretical benchmarks and ranks the Boards in Ontario based on energy efficiency and energy saving potential. The summary page of the latest report is included as Figure 5.7.

Thanks to the technical operational changes already implemented and the consolidated efforts of staff and students across the Board who have been making a consistent effort to conserve energy, the UGDSB placed in the top 20 for Energy Performing School Boards¹⁰. Based on the energy usage data reported in 2017, the Board was ranked 19th in the Province compared to the previous ranking of 26th.

The authors of this report believe we should all be proud of the efforts that we have made thus far, but remember that we need to continuously renew our commitment to being leaders in conservation in order to build on our successes.

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¹⁰ https://sustainableschools.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Enerlife-2019-SUS-Top-Energy-Performing-Boards-Report.pdf

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2019 Top Energy Performing School Boards Report

SUSTAINABLE SCHOOLS is pleased to recognize the most energy efficient school boards in Ontario, based on reported data for the September 2016 - August 2017 school year. The overall energy savings potential for individual boards ranges from 16% for the most efficient to more than 50%. The top twenty boards (those with the least savings potential) are reported below, along with

their rankings in the 2017 report. The total energy savings potential across all boards is 34.3%, worth close to \$112 million annually, accounting for 235,000 tonnes of avoidable greenhouse gas emissions. Natural gas has a bigger percentage savings potential than electricity and offers the lion's share of emissions reductions.

Ranking School Board

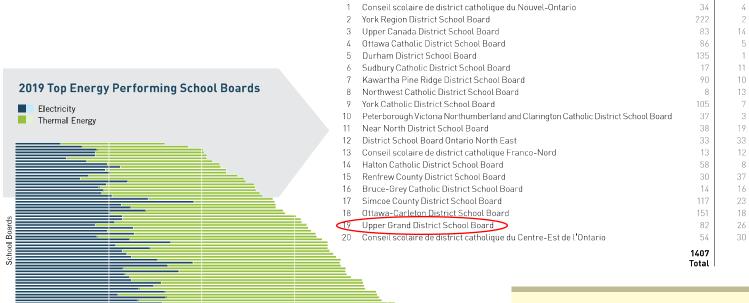
2019

The Ontario school sector as a whole reduced its weather-normalized electricity use by 4.7%, and its thermal energy use by 1.7% over this 2-year period. There were a number of notable successes: 12 boards achieved more than 10% electricity savings board-wide, and 4 boards achieved over 10% natural gas savings.

Number of

facilities Ranking

2017



40%

50%

The Size of the Prize

10%

The province-wide conservation potential is summarized below. This level of savings is achievable through meeting good practice energy use targets for elementary schools, secondary schools, and administration buildings.

Energy Savings Potential

	Electricity	Natural gas	Utility cost	GHG emissions
	savings potential	savings potential	savings potential	reduction potential
Percent	27.8%	38.3%	34.3%	37%
Quantity	518,540	113,627,000	\$112	235,000 tonnes
	MWh/year	m3/year	million/year	CO2e/year

ABOUT THIS REPORT

This 2019 report uses energy data and building information for Ontario's 4,968 schools and education centres as publicly reported by the 72 school boards. After screening for apparent data gaps and errors, 4,726 facilities were ultimately included. Site-specific energy targets are set for every building based on top quartile (good practice) benchmarks for elementary and secondary schools and administration buildings, adjusted for weather differences, heating system type and other material variables including numbers of portables. The energy savings potential is determined for each building as the difference between its actual and target energy use, and the energy efficiency of the school board is determined by rolling up results for all of their buildings. For the White Paper outlining the methodology visit **sustainableschools.ca**. Despite modest overall electricity and gas savings achieved since the 2017 report (which was based on the 2014-15 school year), the overall savings potential is higher in this report due to downward energy target adjustments.