Climate protection and clean energy
• Phase 1 solar partnership between Buncombe County, City and County Schools and AB Tech

• Approximately $11 million investment in renewables

• Electricity costs to be reduced by more than $25 million over project life-cycle
• Buncombe County Schools

• 44 facilities throughout the county

9 county schools received solar in phase 1 RFP

• 34 additional schools yet to be considered for solar feasibility
Proposal to expand solar partnership with schools:

1. The Buncombe County Commission continues partnership with Buncombe County Schools, Asheville City Schools and AB Tech to transition to renewable energy.

2. Goal is to install on-site renewable electricity generation systems on 100% of the facilities where it is technically feasible and prudent (considering roof conditions, land availability, etc.) and financially responsible (ie. life-cycle operating costs).

3. The County will support a technical feasibility analysis for the facilities and provides financing for the installations where approved by the partner education organizations and the Commissioners.

4. Project to be implemented as expeditiously as possible, likely in several phases, but with the goal of completing the final RFP and executing contracts for final installations no later than the end of calendar year 2025.