Buncombe County Schools
Countywide LED Retrofit
Existing Fluorescent Lighting

- Consumes 30% more energy than LEDs
- 20% of BCS electrical work orders are for changing fluorescent bulbs and ballasts
- Contain mercury
- Emit UV rays
- Outdated and unattractive
Proposed LED Lighting

- LEDs use 30% less energy
- LEDs last 5x's longer than fluorescent bulbs/ballasts
- LEDs do not contain mercury
- LEDs do not emit UV rays
- Less maintenance = cost savings
- Clean/modern look
C.D. Owen High School

Before

After
Proposed Project

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Proposed Project

- Retrofit +/- 47,000 lights
- 38 buildings
- Project cost: $5.6 million
- Utility rebate: $2.3 million
- Rebate fluctuations
- Annual energy savings: $911,000
- Payback: < 4 years
- Timeline: 2 years
- Plan: Install in-house by hiring 2 full-time electricians