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School Energy Coalition Comments

The members of the School Energy Coalition provided the following informal comments when the ECAA-Ed and Prop 39 Grants were discussed at our General Membership meeting on February 26, 2018:

SEC Members appreciate that the Bright School program is available for technical assistance. We remain concerned that the formulas in the loan program may be difficult for local education agencies (LEAs) to apply. And given that there will be no back and forth under the grant program - if they are not calculated correctly they will have no opportunity to correct. Formulas and conversion to MBTUs - Many schools - especially smaller ones will need help with this. Supplemental loan/grant for engineering, planning or other soft costs?

Can the baseline electricity data collected by schools under Prop 39 be used again under these programs rather than having to repeat?

Schools would like to see cost savings in these energy projects as utility bills are one of the top three items in a school's discretionary budget.

Please keep in mind restrictions with regard to executing projects - that schools must work around teacher and student schedules - and summer months are best for these projects.

Thank you!