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Energy Managers are Essential to Realizing Prop 39 Projects

The first iteration of Prop 39 included funding for energy managers (EMs). This funding has been explicitly removed from the current proposal for Prop 39 2.0. This change will seriously hamstring school efforts to successfully implement energy efficiency projects because EMs:

1. coordinate the energy audits required to generate project ideas
2. manage the design, bidding, and construction of Prop 39 projects
3. work on energy saving projects beyond those funded by Prop 39

This latter point is particularly important. At SFUSD, our EM has become an integral member of all modernization design teams and provides energy guidance to architects and project managers. He has also implemented and oversees our new Cx program. Most importantly, he has finally succeeded in obtaining data from our various utilities companies and is now monitoring for leaks and energy waste on a regular basis.

In other words, via our energy manager, Prop 39 is providing utility saving benefits beyond those of the Prop 39 construction projects themselves. It would be a tragedy if districts across the State lose these valuable staff members and hope the current program parameters will be amended to allow for their continued funding.