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## **School Energy Coalition (SEC) Comments on CalSHAPE**

The School Energy Coalition (CEC) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the implementation of the CalSHAPE program. SEC members are K-12 schools and their private sector partners who are focused on improving the efficiency and air quality in schools.

The SEC supports the CEC considering options related to the current program requirement for 25% of CalSHAPE projects be in underserved communities. It is a worthy goal, but prevents all schools from being able to access the program. It is important to note that even in non-disadvantaged communities, there are many areas where students do not have access to energy efficient and properly functioning HVAC systems.

The SEC believes moving toward universal access and sustainable funding is the best way to ensure in CalSHAPE is a long-term sustainable program for all K-12 schools, and a key part of California's emerging sustainable infrastructure. The SEC looks forward to working with the CEC to improve the CalSHAPE program in the next two funding rounds.