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Mendon-Upton became a community leader in the solar space while benefiting economically, and in the process created a renewable energy curriculum earning them recognition as a Green Ribbon School of Excellence by the US Department of Education in 2017. \$650K+ saved as of October 2022

Solar Collective:

- United the community in seeing the project benefits for students and towns, overcoming planning hesitancy
- Performed all design (electrical/civil/structural engineering), and permitting including securing all requirements by the utility and the state of MA
- Negotiated long-term tax abatement contract (led to towns realizing more revenue)
- Manage the ongoing maintenance ensuring the upkeep of visual aesthetics, safety, and continued realization of savings

Mendon-Upton School District



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Q & A with Jay Byer





Jay Bye (Business Assistant, Mendon-Upton School District

Q: Explain your partnership with Mike and Sean of Solar Collective. What were the advantages of working with them?

A: My dealing with Mike and Sean has been 100% positive. They are professional, knowledgeable, and very much collaborative in our dealings with them. When we started our research on solar we felt like we were buying a used car. When Mike and his team stepped in, we finally were dealing with an honest and cooperative firm.. We felt that we had a partner in this process, and they weren't just looking to take advantage of a public school district to make money!

Q: Why did you choose to install solar energy?

A: We began researching solar for the Mendon-Upton School District in 2014 when utility rates increased nearly 40%. We were looking for savings on electricity costs, and to do something positive on climate change.

Q: How has going solar benefited the school district?

A: Our school district saves close to \$100,000 annually by receiving net metering credits monthly that offset our electric bills. We also were recognized as a Green Ribbon School of Excellence by the US Department of Education in 2017 for our work in promoting green solutions.

Case Study

On-site solar project that accounts of 80% of school's consumption.

Recipient of Sunburst Project grant from Maryland Energy Administration.

Solar Collective:

- Financial underwriting and project valuation
- Project advisory services
- Fundraising Services
- Integration of STEM Curriculum

George Washington Carver Elementary (SMCPS) 510 kW



One of the first on-site charter school solar applications in Colorado. Rooftop solar provides 45% of school's electricity needs. Projected savings as high as \$1.6M over the life of the project.

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Pinnacle Charter School, Colorado 675kW

