



# Drawdown City Schools of Decatur

City Schools of Decatur prioritizes the preservation of our historic buildings. However, the age of our buildings means that they often lag behind modern efficiency and environmental standards. Further, as a small school district, our capital budget priorities have historically been keeping up with enrollment growth while minimizing our Operating expenses. We seek to address this gap with a comprehensive, district-wide rollout of energy and efficiency upgrades that addresses both our climate impact goals and reduces our long-term Operations expenses. We further seek to empower other school districts throughout our region by publishing our findings and helping to train others on the use of these technologies and funding mechanisms.



Our pilot facility, Decatur High School

If selected, we will use the Buildings Upgrade Prize to pilot energy and environmental upgrades at Decatur High School. We will leverage permitting and funding innovations, in partnership with Georgia Power and City of Decatur, to enhance the scope of our impact and ensure that our lessons learned are translated and scaled throughout the district as well as to other districts throughout our region.

## Our team captains are



**Sergio Perez**  
Chief Operating Officer  
City Schools of Decatur



**Chris Young**  
Director of Facilities  
City Schools of Decatur

## Our team also includes members of our community

Michael Black, Lisa Coronado, Andrew Hardin, Caroline Siler, Gordon Lichtstein, David Nifong, and Greg White

Our team is also working in partnership with Georgia Power to enhance the scope and reach of our impact.