Clean Energy for Healthier Schools

Team led by the UMass Center for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy



Our goal is to upgrade existing public K-12 school buildings in Massachusetts

- → Energy-efficient and fossil fuel-free with electric heating
- → Healthy learning environments with comfortable temperatures and proper ventilation



A major barrier is **limited expertise** at many levels (school staff, building/HVAC professionals, etc.)

→ Missed opportunities, misinformation about heat pump feasibility, faulty heat pump systems



Our innovative plan is to **develop a decision tree tool to provide guidance on upgrade options** for specific school buildings, along with **outreach and training to a broad range of stakeholders**

- → Scale the technical assistance we currently offer
- → Increase replicability of our successful upgrade projects
- → Promote our proven, holistic approach to building upgrades
- → Streamline the feasibility study process
- → Contribute to workforce development
- → Engage with communities about clean energy for healthier schools
- → Accelerate implementation of successful, cost-effective upgrades