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SMMUSD Begins Districtwide LED Lighting Installation

As part of its efficiency and sustainability goals, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District is replacing all interior and exterior lights with energy-saving LED lighting and new fixtures. The project is made possible by Proposition 39, the California program approved in 2012 that funds educational agencies' clean energy and energy use reduction efforts.

It is projected that the new lighting will save nearly \$1.3 million kilowatt hours (kWh) per year. That means the project will pay for itself in about 12.5 years. The installation will begin in October and is scheduled to be completed in 2019.

All incandescent and compact fluorescent (CFL) bulbs and old lighting fixtures will be replaced with modern, attractive LED (light-emitting diode) fixtures and bulbs which are 90 percent more energy efficient. LEDs have a longer life and emit light in a specific direction, which reduces the amount of lighting needed in a given space.

Energy savings will be tracked through the district's monthly energy reports and energy dashboard that record all district energy usage, savings and solar production. The dashboard can be viewed here: [SMMUSD Energy Dashboard](#)

Savings from the 16,911 new lamps and 4,752 new fixtures can be maximized by the staff, faculty and student behaviors encouraged by the district's continuous energy initiative. Seemingly simple things like turning off lights, closing doors and powering-down technology when not in use can really add up.

"Making our buildings and classrooms as efficient as possible doesn't just save money, it's the right thing to do for the environment," said Carey Upton, the district's chief operations officer. "We're glad we can now take this big step forward as part of our sustainability plan."

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More about Proposition 39: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/fa/ce/>

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