



# NEWS

## Glendale Unified School District

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### NEWS ADVISORY

## **GUSD Expands Solar Energy Program**

This summer, the Glendale Unified School District will expand its solar program to nine additional school sites in the Glendale Water and Power (GWP) service area: Cerritos Elementary, Jefferson Elementary, Mann Elementary, Muir Elementary, R.D. White Elementary, Toll Middle School, Wilson Middle School, Glendale High School, and Hoover High School.

The new solar installations will pay for themselves in less than 18 years while reducing utility expenses, which will immediately benefit GUSD's general fund. The Clean Renewable Energy Bonds (CREBS), valued at \$10.9 million will be paid by Redevelopment Agency funds. GUSD anticipates an energy savings of 4,353,566 kWh for the first year, with an estimated lifetime consumption savings of 105,635,703 kWh over 25 years. With that, GUSD will avoid an estimated \$621,900 in utility expenditures in the first year, and potentially yield a total of \$20.9 million over a 25-year span, based on an average 3% utility increase per year.

"Solar Energy Generation systems are a fiscally and environmentally responsible way to leverage bond dollars for long-term general fund savings," said GUSD Board of Education Member Greg Krikorian, adding that, "Some of the panels will also provide shade to GUSD playgrounds, lunch areas, and parking lots."

The GUSD solar project is essential to supporting the District's continuous expansion of campuses and technological advancements that provide exceptional educational opportunities for our students. Access to technology prepares our students for success in the 21st century global economy. However, it also increases energy consumption, which must be balanced with renewable energy.

Solar energy is an eco-friendly form of power generation that will reduce the release of harmful pollutants that contribute to climate change. GUSD is proud to do our part to help California reduce its carbon footprint.

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