

Russellville School District LED Lighting Upgrade

A Bright Future for Russellville Schools

to update their lighting with new LED maintenance technology. The projects involved spend replacing or upgrading over 14,000 total fixtures and sensors, reducing those facilities' lighting maintenance costs by over 60%--an annual savings of over \$288,000

In 2016, Russellville School District Before this project, RSD spent over partnered with Excel Energy Group \$430,000 a year on lighting and costs-now, approximately annually.

Russellville School District chose to use Excel Energy Group for their lighting retrofit project after a selection process that included other competitors. Excel was determined to be the best option in price and service.

RSD had many premium options to choose from when finalizing the project. The school district chose to include all of the options, increasing the value of the design.

Areas were noted during the audit as fixtures that could use to be replaced. Some of these fixtures were replaced with similar items that kept the same look. Other areas had surface mounted fixtures that were in a recessed ceiling. Per the design of Excel, these fixtures were replaced with recessed troffers that



added a cleaner look to classrooms and offices where they were installed.

Excel Energy Group not only provides retrofit and replacement of interior lighting but exterior lighting as well. Fixtures like wall packs, canopies and flood lights are replaced with LED lighting. Also less common items like pole lighting and flag pole floods (above) can be replaced with LED lighting.

THE BOTTOM LINE:

Excel was able to reduce the District's electricity and gas usage by 2,660,000 kwh annually. That means RCSD will eliminate over 4,365,000 pounds of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere every year—the equivalent of removing the emissions from burning 222,777 gallons of gasoline or 2,166,105 pounds of coal annually.



Project Quick Facts:

Total Facilities:	16
Total Light Fixtures:	13,600
Total Sensors:	670
Total Cost:	\$1,539,000
Total Incentive:	\$334,800
Annual Savings:	\$288,200
Payback:	4.2 years

Decreased light wattage by an Average of 60% in each area!

