

## **NATOMAS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Sacramento, CA

When non-recurring state funding became available, the Natomas Unified School District turned to NORESCO to design, engineer and implement time-sensitive improvements to learning environments.

Energy assurance, resilience, readiness and savings have long been principles for good financial management at Natomas Unified School District (USD). School leaders have relied on NORESCO as a trusted contracting partner to make the most of non-recurring state funding for learning environment upgrades.

Following energy audits at selected schools, NORESCO installed LED upgrades to interior and exterior lighting. Additionally, NORESCO implemented time-critical software upgrades and then replaced energy management systems at Natomas High School and Natomas Gateways Middle School. These improvements not only curtailed problems with maintenance and temperature setpoint controls, they enabled remote scheduling and simplified HVAC system operation across the two school campuses.

Natomas USD structured its work with NORESCO as multiple energy services agreements, consistent with specific funding provided by the State of California. NORESCO helped the district assess how to apply program funding to optimize upgrades and boost benefits from the cash windfall. NORESCO also helped Natomas USD navigate and comply with state regulations and ongoing reporting associated with the unique funding source.

Looking to the future, NORESCO worked with Natomas USD to identify next steps for building system improvements. The district positioned itself well for operational, strategic and non-recurring funding opportunities and challenges ahead.

**Project Cost:** \$3,000,000

Annual Cost Savings: \$124,894<sup>1</sup>

**Contract Term:** 2 Years

**Contract Type:** Energy Services

## **Technical Highlights:**

- Energy Management Control System Upgrades with Direct Digital Controls
- Lighting Retrofits and Controls
- HVAC Recommissioning

"NORESCO made using our Proposition 39 funds a seamless process. Their team was amazing to work with and we look forward to using their extensive knowledge of energy projects on future projects."

**Jen Mellor, Director** ilities & Strategic Planning

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<sup>1</sup>Program savings aligned with regulatory reporting

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