

Oakland Unified School District (OUSD)

Future Solar Project at OUSD

The Cesar E. Chavez Education Center, completed in 2003, was one of the first California State Energy Commission (CEC) model High Performance (CHPS) Schools in the state. It was designed to maximize natural daylighting, with a calculated overall building energy performance of 20-25% better than Title 24 Energy Code Standards. In the early design development, photovoltaics were planned for the roof; however, budget constraints for the technology, combined with longer payback periods in 2001, did not allow for the solar installation at the time. The District has been waiting for this opportunity to consider installation of newer renewable technology with current economic incentives.



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