



MAZE Schools 5-Year Vision Plan



Massachusetts Achieving Zero Energy (MAZE) - Schools Overview:

Schools are the center of communities and, as such, are in an ideal position to play a leading role in showcasing the benefits and impacts of zero energy construction. New schools are already required to build 10 percent above current energy base code regulations. Therefore, not only are they already serving as leaders but there is also a framework in place to advance their resiliency and efficiency. Their success will help drive the zero energy conversation forward in the state.

Five-Year Vision Plan Goals:

NEEP has developed the Five-Year Vision Plan to implement targeted strategies that will increase the number of high-performance/zero energy schools in Massachusetts and make them a viable option for communities. The long-term energy, resiliency, and health benefits of high-performance/zero energy schools far outweigh the upfront costs. However, financial limitations are a real barrier for many communities. The goal of this plan is to work with communities, utilities, and state agencies to improve existing programs/policies and create new ones that will help break down the financial and technical barriers that prevent communities from building high-performance/zero energy schools.

Main Components of Schools Vision Plan



Strategic Planning



Communication & Outreach



Technical Assistance & Resources

Timeline & Year of Completion: 2024-2025

