

100% CLEAN ENERGY COMMITMENT

SUSTAINABLE COMMITTEE

REGION 18

TRANSITION TO CLEAN ENERGY

- ▶ Clear skies revealed before/after photos and satellite imagery show human impact on air, water, lands
- ▶ Learn from lessons - NOT business as usual
- ▶ Policy makers plan for lasting infrastructure change towards net zero emissions in all energy sectors
- ▶ Region 18 is in a good position to take leadership position



MAKE A COMMITMENT TO A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

- ▶ Financial Benefits - Energy efficiency saves money 29% cost reduction
- ▶ Social, Environmental, Cultural benefits - a commitment creates a path for a holistic equitable transition to a sustainable future for our kids
- ▶ Already in budget 5 year plan for upgrading HVAC with air source heat pumps that run on electric MS, CS, Lyme, MC (NOT HS)
- ▶ Already made improvements in lighting
- ▶ Already offset electricity with 31% solar energy
- ▶ Already improve energy efficiency with mechanical controls



PASS 100% CLEAN ENERGY RESOLUTION

- ▶ The goal of a 100% allows us to fully plan for rather than incremental change that we may or may not achieve in the time frame scientists across the world have established
- ▶ Positive publicity - Let's be the First school district in CT to commit to 100% - Leader for other communities - Pave the way for other communities and support others.
- ▶ Capitalize on solidarity lesson from coronavirus. Same policy and action for climate change.
- ▶ Students, teachers - inspired, motivated - as facilities and academics move towards new energy paradigm



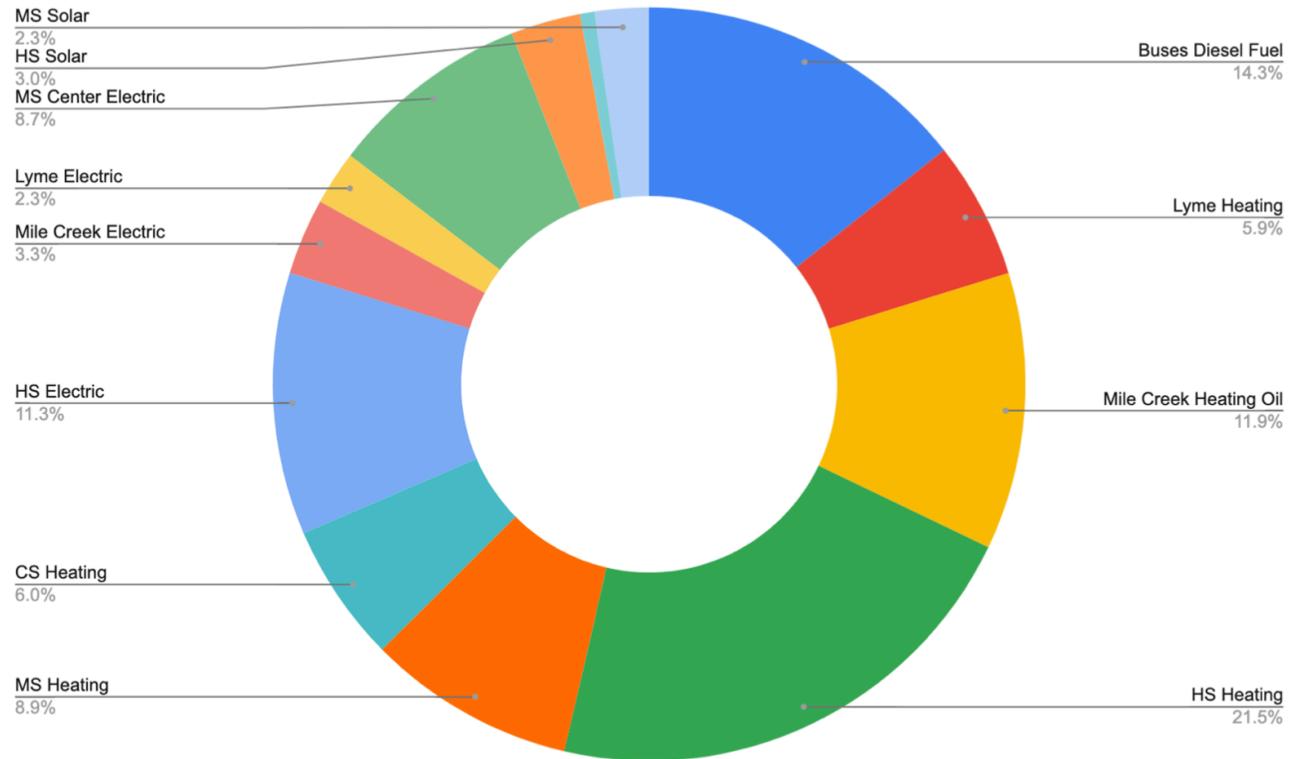
EMISSIONS

**ARE CREATED FROM BURNING FOSSIL FUELS
FOR ENERGY**

A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE IS ELECTRIC - POWERED BY 100% CLEAN ENERGY

ENERGY SECTORS

- ▶ Transportation
- ▶ Buildings
- ▶ Electricity
- ▶ Cooking



2018-2019 Energy Profile Data for Region 18
6% Clean Energy

HOW TO CRAFT A 100% CLEAN ENERGY RESOLUTION THE BOE WILL VOTE FOR

- ▶ 100% electricity 2030?
- ▶ 100% heating and cooling and cooking 2030?
- ▶ 100% transportation 2030?
- ▶ Do we change dates?
- ▶ Can we put a resolution to vote this year?
- ▶ How do we make sure 100% clean energy commitment is included in 5 year strategic plan that is being developed summer 2020?

PATHWAY TO ELECTRIC SCHOOL BUSES

- ▶ Opportunity to apply for grants as sole entity or collaborative with Clean Cities Coalition that includes 23 other towns in CT - 3 use M&J
- ▶ Grant pays for cost of regular school bus to full cost of electric school bus.
- ▶ DEEP grant opens in June, Additional funding from CT Green Bank, CT Dera Reduction and DERA
- ▶ Procurement through M&J on a plan for one or two electric school buses.
- ▶ Work with Town of Old Lyme Public works
- ▶ Plan new technology opportunities at Bus Depot for charging infrastructure, solar offset, vehicle to grid, battery storage, load management

UPGRADE ALL HVAC SYSTEMS

- ▶ Geothermal or Air Source Heat Pumps
- ▶ Energy source is Electricity
- ▶ MS, CS, Mile Creek, Lyme School already in Budget
- ▶ Engineering study budgeted for 2021/22
- ▶ Include in large spaces such as gym, auditoriums, open area in HS
- ▶ Any replacements from now until then are electric
- ▶

TRANSITION TO 100% CLEAN ENERGY WILL INCREASE ELECTRIC USAGE

- ▶ Onsite solar - Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) - no capital cost limited space to offset complete usage
- ▶ Build solar farm Old Lyme Landfill with Virtual Net Metering - PPA
- ▶ Shared Solar/Community Solar pay per kWh some companies guaranteed 10% savings
- ▶ Energy Storage
- ▶ Region 18 Electric Usage 3,346,022 kWh 2009-10 : 2,718,867 kWh 2018-19

VIRTUAL EVENTS

- ▶ US Green Building Council Center for Green Schools
4.30.20 1pm EST K-12 Energy Resiliency: Solar+Storage & MicroGrids
- ▶ Electric School Bus Event scheduled June 2020 - CT Clean Cities Coalition

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