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## 1.0 Introduction

Prism Engineering is pleased to present the results of the Investigation Phase that was conducted as part of BC Hydro's Continuous Optimization for Commercial Buildings Program for Qualicum Beach Elementary. The objective of an Investigation is to identify deficiencies and improvements in the operation of a facility's mechanical equipment, lighting, and related controls, and determine opportunities for corrective action that reduce energy consumption and preserve the indoor environmental quality.

This document is a complete record of the work performed at this facility, including the in-depth investigation of the building systems and the implementation of selected measures to optimize building performance.

The Recommissioning Investigation Report provides an overview of the recommendations for the implementation of measures. This information is not considered a specification or detailed sequence of operations. The intent is to provide an overview of the recommendation that can be built upon during the implementation phase as part of any detailed design that may be required. Certain measures may require further investigation and specification for the correct implementation by the owner or the DDC contractor.

Nine recommended retrofits were identified as a part of this investigation. The proposed measures will be reviewed in a meeting with SD69 and Prism Engineering representatives to determine which measures will be implemented.

- Measure 1: AHU heating coil valve passing
- Measure 2: AHU-1 runs continuously
- Measure 3: AHU-4 random operation
- Measure 4: Reheat valves blocked or passing
- Measure 5: Daily HVAC operation schedule
- Measure 6: Summer HVAC operation schedule
- Measure 7: DHW pumps run continuously
- Measure 8: Exhaust fan feedback
- Measure 9: AHU-4 damper issue

These measures are presented in the Investigation Summary Table (see Appendix A).

While the investigation focuses on low-cost improvements with short paybacks, some capital improvement opportunities may also be identified. Major retrofit measures are beyond the scope of this program, but other BC Hydro and FortisBC programs provide a variety of incentives to complete the retrofits. Retrofits were identified as a part of this investigation that could potentially qualify for other BC Hydro and FortisBC programs, these measures are described in Section 6.

Retrofits include:

- Measure 10: Replace AC-1 condensing unit with air-to-water heat pump
- Measure 11: Air source heat pump connected to boiler plant



## 2.0 Project Overview

| <b>Project Information</b>                   |                                  | <i>Complete cells this background colour</i> |                      |
|--|----------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| RCx Project File #                           | <b>BCH-07836</b>                 |  |                      |
| Date of Workbook Update                      | 12-Jul-2022                      |  |                      |
| Organization                                 | School District 69               |  |                      |
| Building Name                                | Qualicum Beach Elementary School |  |                      |
| Building Type                                | Large School                     |  |                      |
| Location (City)                              | Qualicum Beach, BC               |  |                      |
| Owner Contact                                | Phil Munro                       |  |                      |
| Investigation Phase start date               | 01-Feb-2022                      |  |                      |
| Participated in previous BCH RCx program?    | No                               |  |                      |
| Previous RCx File #                          |                                  |  |                      |
| Previous RCx completion date                 |                                  |  |                      |
| <b>Building Information</b>                  |                                  |  |                      |
| Facility Area (ft <sup>2</sup> )             | 53,120                           |  |                      |
| Annual elec consumption (kWh)                | 260,356                          | 4.9  | kWh/ft <sup>2</sup>  |
| Annual elec costs (\$)                       | \$ 25,661                        | \$ 0.10                                      | Avg. \$/kWh          |
| Fuel type                                    | Natural Gas                      |  |                      |
| Annual fuel consumption (GJ)                 | 1,742                            | 9.1  | ekWh/ft <sup>2</sup> |
| Annual fuel cost (\$)                        | \$ 21,118                        | \$ 12.1                                      | Avg. \$/GJ           |
| Total GHG emissions (tCO <sub>2</sub> e/yr)  | 90                               |  |                      |
| Total Energy Cost                            | \$ 46,779                        | \$ 0.88                                      | \$/ft <sup>2</sup>   |
| Energy Use Intensity (ekWh/ft <sup>2</sup> ) | 14.0                             |  |                      |
| Year for energy data above                   | 2021                             |  |                      |



### 3.0 Savings Summary

| Savings Summary             | Previous, still working | New + Previous, rectify + Previous, documented |           |               |           |               |           |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--|-----------|---------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|
|                             |                         | Identified                                     |           | Selected      |           | Implemented   |           |
|                             | # of measures           | 11   |           | 9             |           | 9             |           |
|                             | 0                       | Total Savings                                  | % Savings | Total Savings | % Savings | Total Savings | % Savings |
| Electrical savings (kWh/yr) | -                       | 16,198   | -6.2%     | 119,998       | 46.1%     | 119,998       | 46.1%     |
| Fuel savings (GJ/yr)        | -                       | 2,191  | 125.8%    | 748           | 42.9%     | 748           | 42.9%     |
| Cost savings (\$)           | \$ -                    | \$ 24,969                                      | 53.4%     | \$ 20,889     | 44.7%     | \$ 20,889     | 44.7%     |
| GHG reduction (tCO2e/yr)    | -                       | 109.1  | 121.7%    | 38.6          | 43.0%     | 38.6          | 43.0%     |
| # of Abandoned measures     | 0                       |  |           |               |           |               |           |



## 4.0 Brief Description of Existing System

This section contains a brief description of the existing HVAC and Controls system. The information is intended to provide a general overview only.

### 4.1 Facility Description

The Qualicum Beach Elementary School was built 2002 and has a floor area of 53,120 sqft. The building contains classrooms, admin offices, gym, library, arts, music, drama, and technical teaching spaces.

**Table 1: Schedules**

|                    | Area                 | Days             | Start  | End    |
|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------|--------|
| Occupancy          | Classes              | All Days         | 8:50am | 2:36pm |
|                    | Office hours         | All Days         | 8am    | 3:30pm |
| Building operation | HVAC (main schedule) | Monday-Wednesday | 4am    | 4pm    |
|                    |                      | Thursday-Friday  | 7am    | 4pm    |
|                    | Gym (AHU2)           | Monday-Friday    | 8am    | 4:30pm |
|                    | Boilers              | Monday-Friday    | 6:30am | 7pm    |

While the HVAC operating calendars allow for different operation on holidays, no holidays have been defined for air handlers. Boilers are shut down in July and August.

### 4.2 Heating System

Heating is provided by four 399 MBH (input) IBC condensing boilers. Each has a dedicated circulating pump. The primary boiler loop is connected to the secondary loop via a low loss header.

The supply water temperature is reset between 40 and 82°C depending on outdoor air temperature and building load (determined by the difference between building loop supply and return water). Boilers are disabled above 17°C outdoor air temperatures.

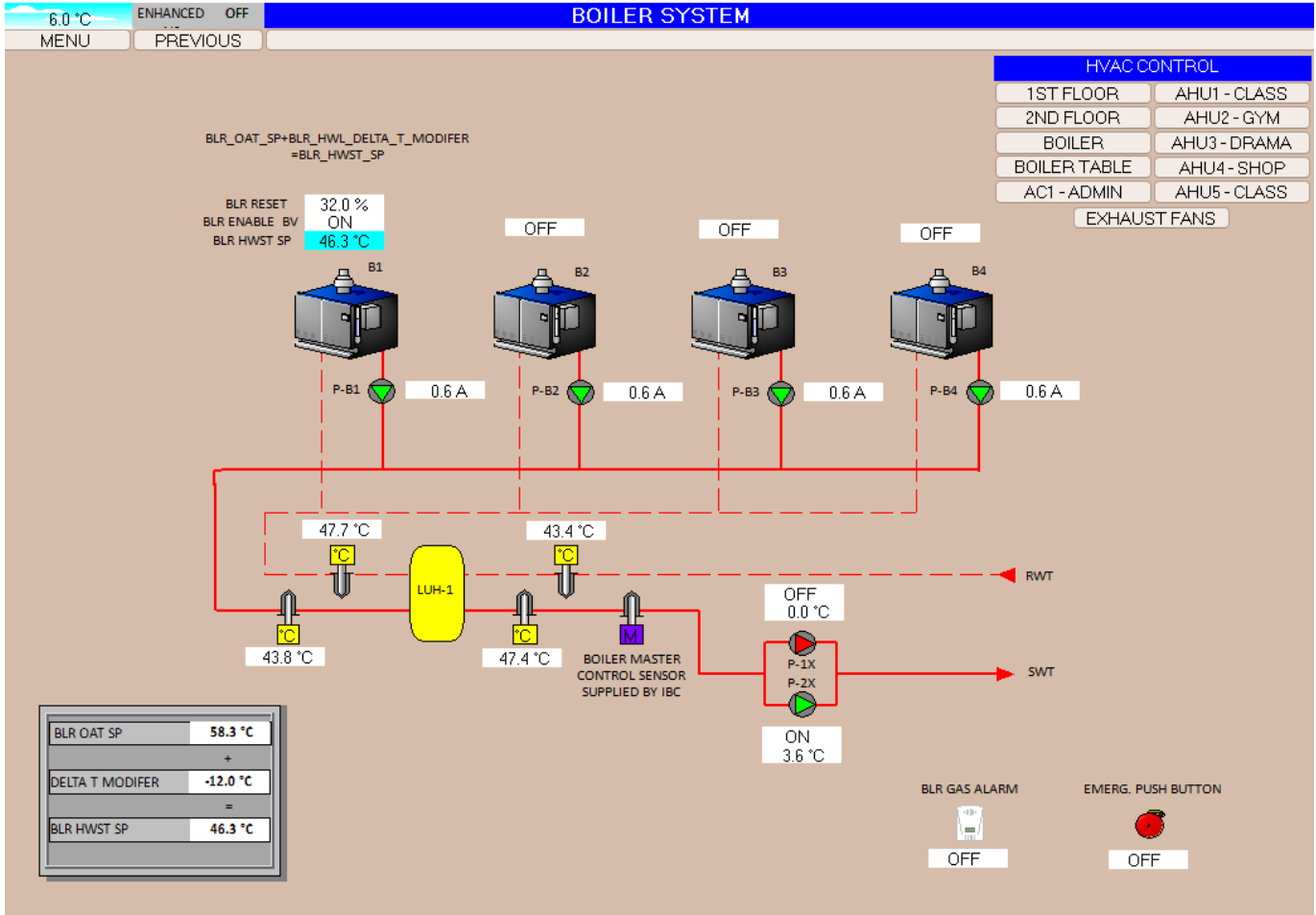


Figure 1: Boilers in the DDC

Heating water is distributed to heating coils in air handlers, duct reheat coils, fan coil units, radiant panels, and a unit heater.

Table 2: Building Pumps

| Tag        | Serves                      | Size                         | VSD | Flow (GPM) | Head (Ft) |
|------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----|------------|-----------|
| BP1 to BP4 | Boiler pumps                | 157W @ 1.4A<br>(0.6A on DDC) | No  |            |           |
| P-7        | Heating loop                | 1.5 HP each                  | No  | 93 GPM     | 32 Ft     |
| P-8        | Lead-lag                    |                              |     |            |           |
| P-9        | DHW boiler/tank circulation | 1/6 HP<br>3.6 FLA            | No  |            |           |
| P-10       | DHW recirculation           | 58 W                         | No  |            |           |



### 4.3 Ventilation System

The building has five heating-only air handlers, and one unit with heating and cooling. HV-4 and HV-5 are in the mechanical room at the East end of the building. The other units are on the roof, at the East end of the building.

**Table 3: Air handlers**

| Tag           | Service                        | Airflow (cfm) | Supply Fan Power (hp) | Return Fan Power (hp) | Coils                        | Outdoor air      |
|---------------|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| AC-1          | Admin/Office, Tech, Library    | 8,110         | 7.5                   | 3                     | Heating<br>20 ton 2-stage DX | Mixed<br>Min 20% |
| HV-1 / AHU-1* | General Offices and Classrooms | 14,000**      | 10**                  | 5**                   | Heating                      | Mixed<br>Min 30% |
| HV-2 / AHU-2* | Gymnasium                      | 21,600        | 15<br>VSD             | 7.5**<br>VSD          | Heating                      | Mixed<br>Min 20% |
| HV-3 / AHU-3* | Music / Multi-purpose          | 7,930         | 5                     | 3                     | Heating                      | Mixed<br>Min 20% |
| HV-4 / AHU-4* | Construction                   | 4,000**       | 3**                   | 2                     | Heating                      | Mixed<br>Min 30% |
| HV-5 / AHU-5* | North Classrooms               | 11,345        | 7.5                   | 3                     | Heating                      | Mixed<br>Min 15% |

\* Both IDs are used interchangeable in the DDC and other documentation.

\*\* Estimated based on area served and sizing of similar units

**Table 4: Exhaust fans**

| Tag   | Service            |
|-------|--------------------|
| EF-1  | Gym change rooms   |
| EF-2  | Storage (104,112)  |
| EF-3  | Kitchen range hood |
| EF-4  | Storage (116)      |
| EF-5  | Copy 125           |
| EF-6  | Washroom 143       |
| EF-7  | Elevator 122       |
| EF-8  | Kitchen range 126  |
| EF-9  | Main washrooms     |
| EF-10 | Science 209        |





|       |                    |
|-------|--------------------|
| EF-11 | 207, 211, 213      |
| EF-12 | Science 215        |
| EF-13 | Fume Hood 209      |
| EF-14 | Fume hood 215      |
| EF-5  | Home Ec. 163       |
| EF-16 | Room 159           |
| EF-17 | Hood 159           |
| EF-18 | 221, 165, 167, 171 |
| EF-19 | Rm 169             |
| EF-20 | Telecom 217        |
| EF-21 | Staff Room 123     |
| EF=22 | Telecom 145A       |

#### **4.4 Domestic Hot Water System**

Domestic hot water is provided by a 399 MBH input AO Smith atmospheric water heater with an external storage tank. Pump P-9 circulates water between boiler and tank. Pump P-10 recirculates domestic hot water through the building.

#### **4.5 Controls System (includes Lighting Controls if Applicable)**

The HVAC system is controlled by a Delta Controls DDC, using ORCAView 3.40. Remote access to the system is available.

#### **4.6 Others**

The school has a 60 kW roof-mounted solar photovoltaic system, installed in 2021. It has a Tesla backup battery.

## 5.0 Measures Selected for Implementation (Under C.Op. Program)

This section provides an overview of each measure, recommendations for implementation, and update after implementation.

For each measure, costs, savings and payback calculations can be referenced in the *Investigation Summary Table* (see Appendix A).

### 5.1 Measure 1: AHU heating coil valve passing

#### 5.1.1 Description of Finding

##### AHU-1

AHU-1 supply air temperature is consistently 4-5°C higher than mixed air temperature when its heating valve is commanded closed. This was the case when Figure 8 was captured.

As a result, additional outdoor air must be brought in as cooling to keep the supply air at setpoint. During unoccupied operation, when outdoor air dampers are kept shut, it can also lead to overheating.

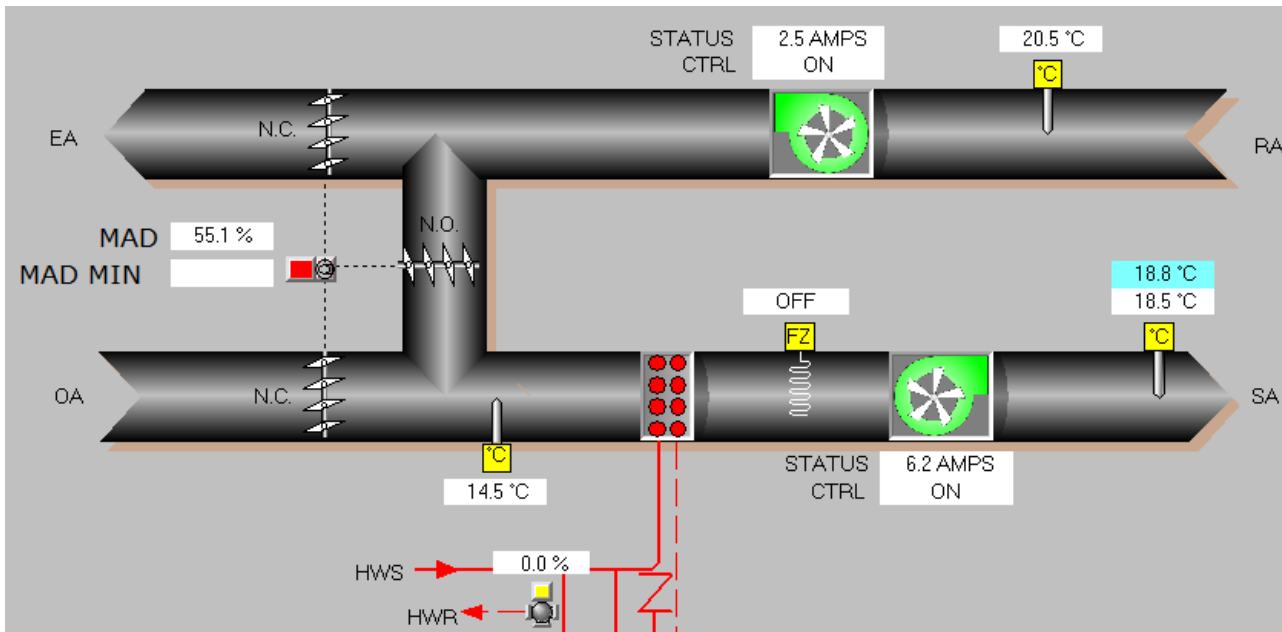


Figure 2: AHU-1, SAT is 5°C higher than MAT, with HCV at 0%

##### AHU-5

Figure 3 shows AHU-5 heating supply air by 2.5°C despite its control valve being fully closed. This suggests the valve is passing. Figure 4 shows the supply air temperature exceeds 30°C overnight (when AHU-5 is off), which also indicates passing.

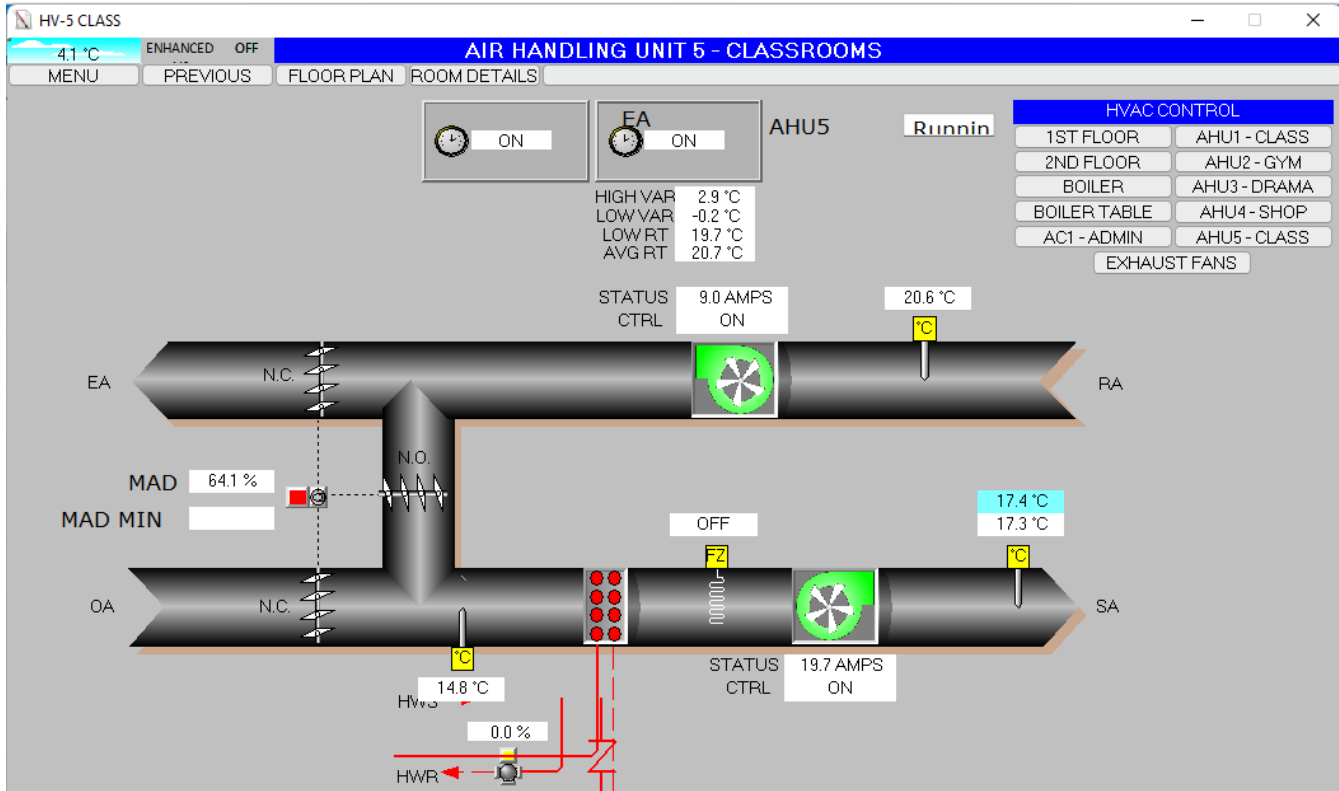


Figure 3: AHU-5 heating despite the control valve closed.

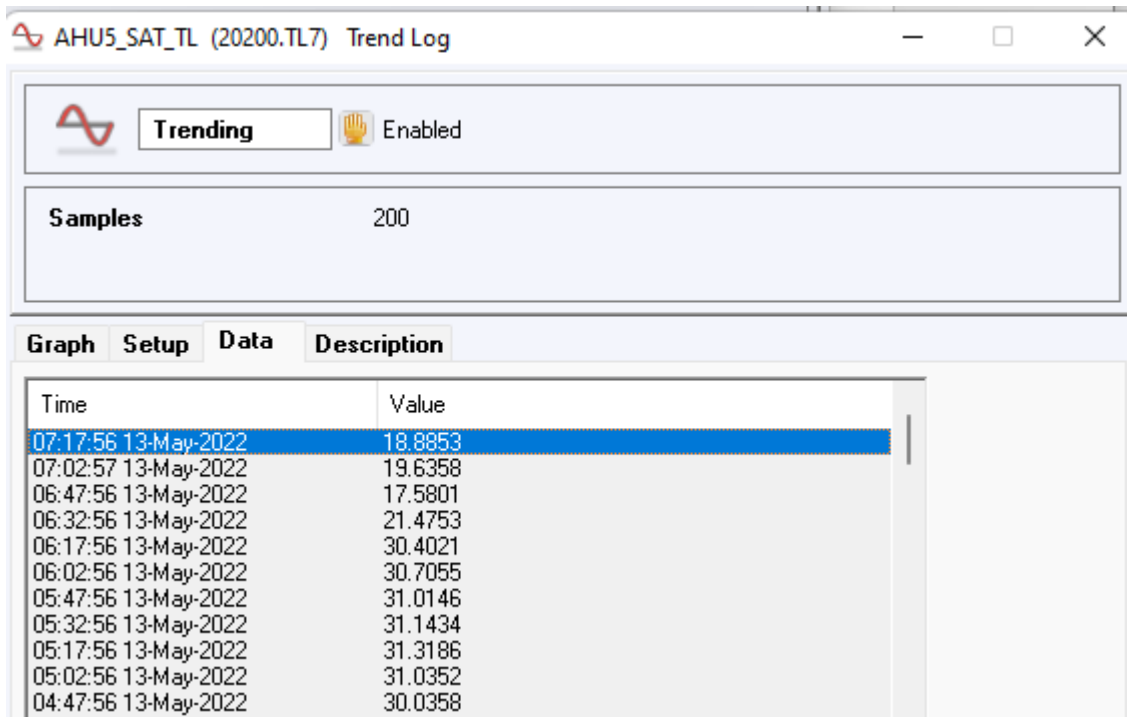


Figure 4: High supply air temperature overnight (before unit starts at 6:30am)

### 5.1.2 Measure Description

Validate the mixed air and supply air temperature sensor readings with a manual temperature reading in the field.

Operate the affected airhandlers with the supply fan enabled and the heating coil control valve commanded fully closed (0%). Manually measure the air temperature at the coil inlet and outlet. A temperature rise indicates a passing valve. Furthermore, the heating coil inlet and outlet pipes should be cold after the control valve is closed for several minutes.

Measure costs assume the control valve needs to be replaced.

### 5.1.3 Measure Implementation Update

[Provide confirmation details **AFTER** the measure is implemented and verified]

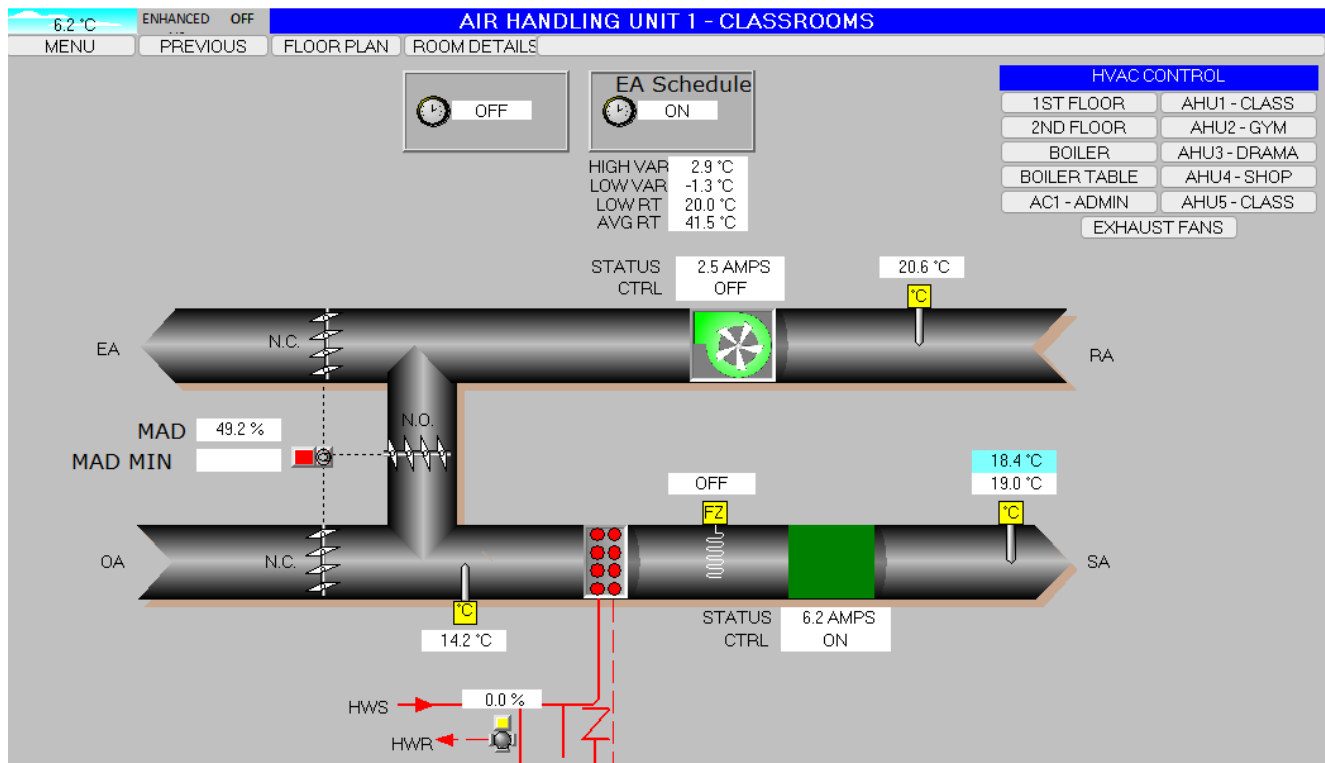
## 5.2 Measure 2: AHU-1 runs continuously

### 5.2.1 Description of Finding

AHU-1 was observed to run during its scheduled unoccupied period. Several different causes were identified during the investigation period.

#### Return fan feedback sensor

The return fan feedback sensor reports that the fan runs, even when commanded off. Figure 6 shows the supply fan is programmed to operate whenever the return fan's status is on. Figure 7 shows AHU-1 is programmed to operate its mixed air damper in occupied mode whenever the supply fan operates.



**Figure 5: AHU-1 runs with open mixed air dampers even when the main schedule is OFF**

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49 ●
50 ● If (AHU1_RFS > 2) OnFor 10S Then
51 ● AHU1_SFC = 20301.AI2 = 2.46937 A
52 ● Else
53 ● AHU1_SFC = Off
54 ● End If
55 ●

```

**Figure 6: Return fan status enables the supply fan**

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56 ● If AHU1_SFS > 5 Then
57 ● DoEver 20301.AI1 = 6.12943 A
58 ● AHU1_MAD_RAMP = Limit (AHU1_MAD_RAMP + (AHU1_RAT - 18), 0, 100)
59 ● End Do
60 ● AHU1_MAD_GV = (2 * AHU1_SAT_CO) - 100
61 ● AHU1_MAD_GV = Limit (AHU1_MAD_GV, 0, 100)
62 ● AHU1_MAD_GV = Max (AHU1_MAD_GV, AHU1_MAD_MIN)
63 ● AHU1_MAD_GV = Min (AHU1_MAD_GV, AHU1_MAD_LL_CO, AHU1_MAD_RAMP)
64 ●
65 ● If AHU1_NSB_GV On Then
66 ● AHU1_MAD_GV = 0
67 ● End If
68 ●
69 ● AHU1_HCV_GV = - 2 * AHU1_SAT_CO + 100
70 ● AHU1_HCV_GV = Limit (AHU1_HCV_GV, 0, 100)
71 ● Else

```

**Figure 7: Enabling the supply fan triggers normal damper and heating coil operation**

### Low room temperature calculation

AHU-1 is programmed to start during unoccupied hours if the lowest room temperature ( $AHU1\_LOW\_RT$ ) is less than 16°C per Figure 9. However, the lowest room temperature is often a random negative value. This causes AHU-1 to run continuously.

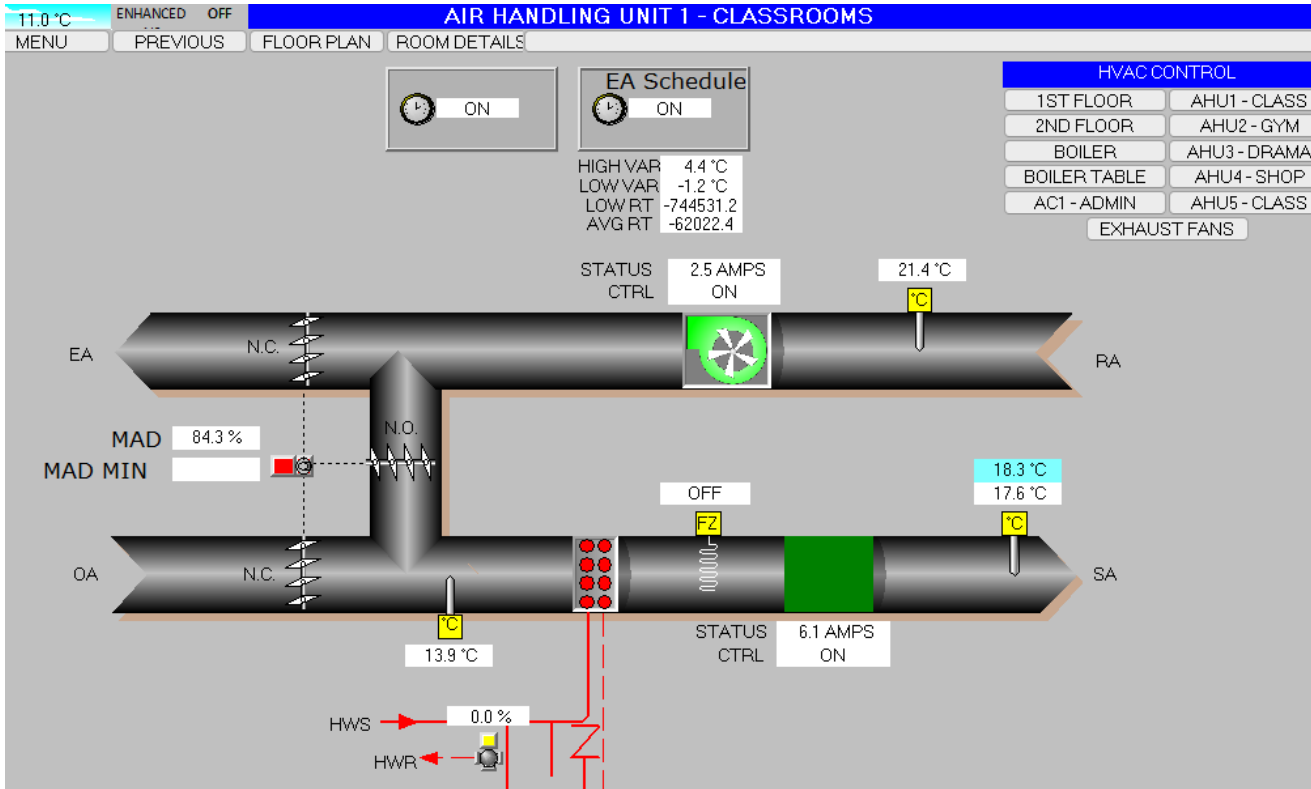


Figure 8: AHU-1 DDC Graphic

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42 ● If AHU1_OCC On Then
43 ●   AHU1_RFC = On
44 ●   AHU1_NSB_GV = Off
45 ● Else
46 ●   AHU1_NSB_GV = Switch ( AHU1_NSB_GV, AHU1_LOW_RT, NSB_SP, NSB_SP + 1 )
47 ●   AHU1_RFC = AHU1_NSB_GV
48 ● End If
49 ●

```

20301.AV3 = -726819.1875 °C

Figure 9: The value of AHU1\_LOW\_RT is random (low negative number) which triggers night setback heating

### 5.2.2 Measure Description

Confirm whether the return fan responds correctly when commanded on and off. Confirm whether the feedback sensor correctly measures fan current. Replace the current sensor if necessary.

Replace any failed sensors used to calculate AHU1\_LOW\_RT and remove any sensors from its calculation that no longer exist.

### 5.2.3 Measure Implementation Update

[Provide confirmation details **AFTER** the measure is implemented and verified]

## 5.3 Measure 3: AHU-4 random operation

### 5.3.1 Findings

AHU-4 sometimes runs outside occupied hours, with no clear pattern.

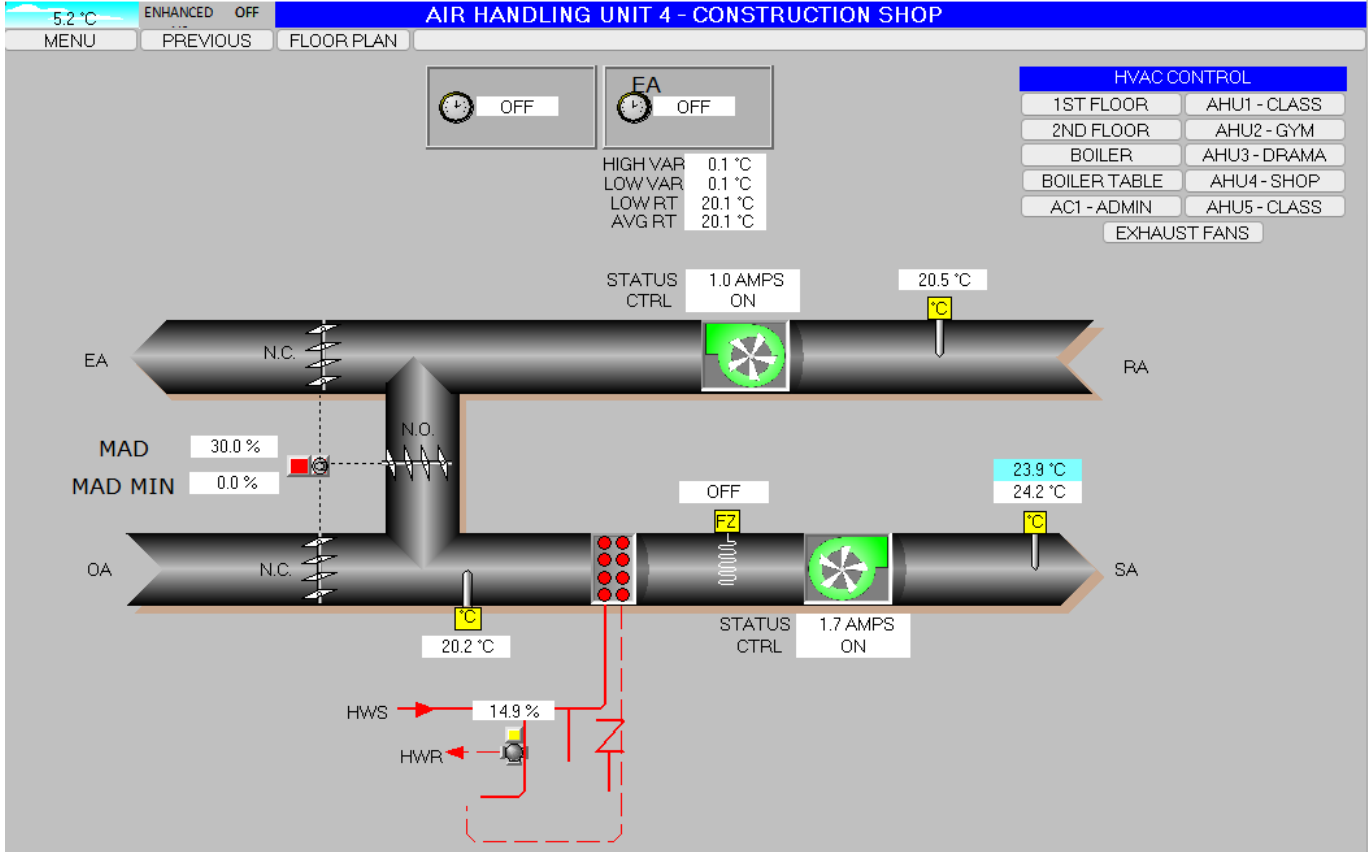


Figure 10: Operating schedule is OFF (Sunday) but AHU-4 is running.

Operation of AHU-4 is triggered by occupancy data from panel 20210 in room 169. However, this panel appears to be offline with undefined values, and the air handler operation does not match expected occupancy.

RM169\_OCC contains changing values and the value of 20210.Alg.Mode is "Object Undefined"

```

AHU4_PG (20201.PG4) Program
1 //AHU4 PROGRAM
2
3 AHU4_HI_VAR = Max (RM169_VAR)
4 AHU4_LO_VAR = Min (RM169_VAR)
5 AHU4_LOW_RT = Min (RM169_RT_AV)
6 AHU4_AVG_RT = Average (RM169_RT_AV)
7 AHU4_OCC = RM169_OCC
8

AHU4_ROOMS_PG (20201.PG5) Program
1 DoEvery 30S
2 RM169_RT_AV = 20210.Temperature
3 RM169_SP_AV = 20210.Setpoint
4 RM169_OCC = '20210.Alg.Mode'
5 RM1 | 20201.BV5 = ON RM169_RT_AV - RM169_SP_AV
6 // HEAT FROM AHU4 ONLY
7 End Do
    
```

Figure 11: AHU-4 occupancy determined by panel 20210

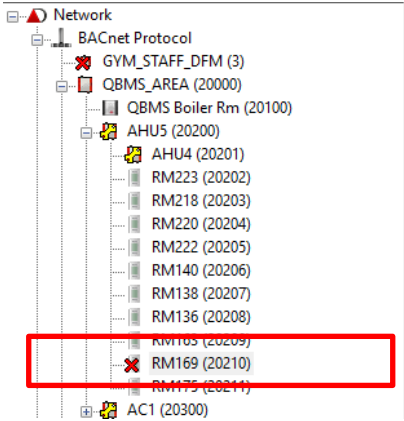


Figure 12: Panel 20210 is offline

**5.3.2 Measure Description**

Ensure Panel 20210 is correctly connected and that all control variables are available to other panels as required. Savings assume AHU-4 should run during regular class hours, but currently runs randomly (50% of all hours).

**5.3.3 Measure Implementation Update**

[Provide confirmation details **AFTER** the measure is implemented and verified]

**5.4 Measure 4: Reheat valves blocked or passing**

**5.4.1 Description of Finding**

The following reheat coil valves are suspected to be *passing* (discharge air temperature is higher than the supply air temperature from the air handler with the reheat coil valve commanded closed), or *blocked* (discharge air temperature close to the supply air temperature from the air handler with the reheat coil valve open).

Table 5: Reheat issues

| Room / reheat       | Air handler | Issue   |
|---------------------|-------------|---------|
| RM123, RM127, RM129 | AC-1        | Blocked |
| RM107, RM108        | AHU-3       | Blocked |
| RM102, RM106        | AHU-3       | Passing |



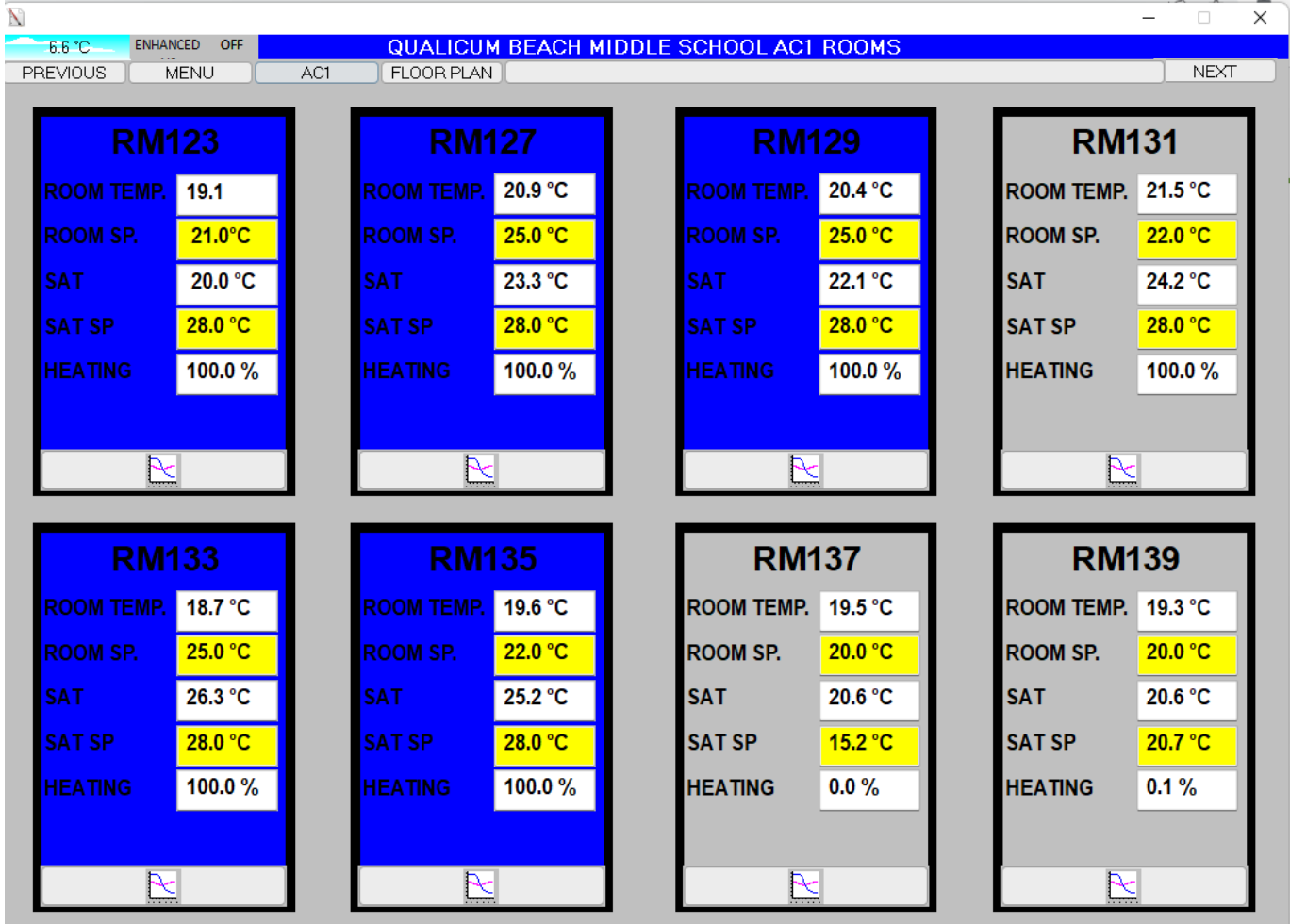


Figure 13: RM123 and RM129 reheat coils providing little or no heat. AC-1 supply air temperature was 21°C.

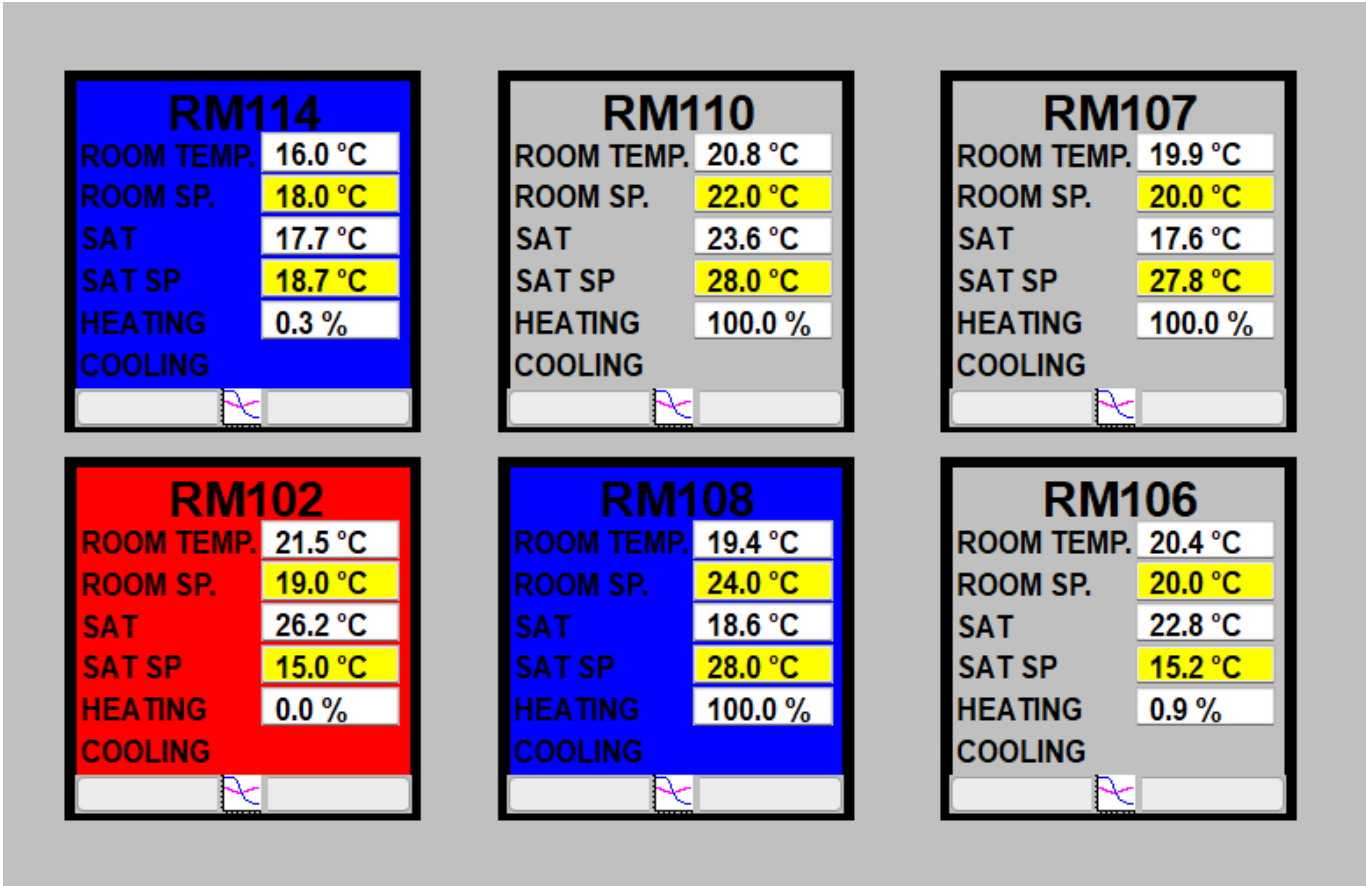


Figure 14: AHU-3 reheat coils. Little or no heat from RM107, RM108 reheats. RM102 and RM106 are heating even with valves at 0%. AHU-3 supply air temperature was 18.8°C.

The passing valve in room 102 is overheating the room. This causes AHU-3 to lower its supply air temperature setpoint and draw more outdoor air. This extra outdoor air needs to be reheated, increasing gas use.

### 5.4.2 Measure Description

Investigate the identified reheat coils:

- Confirm correct movement of the valve in positions from closed (0%) to fully open (100%).
- Confirm coils are clean and air flow matches design.

With boilers and air handler fans enabled:

- Close the valve fully, then confirm the vent discharge temperature matches the temperature of air supplied by the air handler, and that pipes leading to/from the coil warm up quickly after the valve is closed.
- Open the valve fully, then confirm the pipes leading to/from the coil warm up, and that the air temperature rise over the coil matches specifications.

### 5.4.3 Measure Implementation Update

[Provide confirmation details **AFTER** the measure is implemented and verified]

## 5.5 Measure 5: Daily HVAC operation schedule

### 5.5.1 Description of Finding

The main HVAC schedule starts AC-1, AHU-1, AHU-3, and AHU-5 at 4am, Monday to Wednesday. On Thursday and Friday, the systems start at 7am, without any issues, which indicates that it should be possible to delay startup to 7am on the other days.

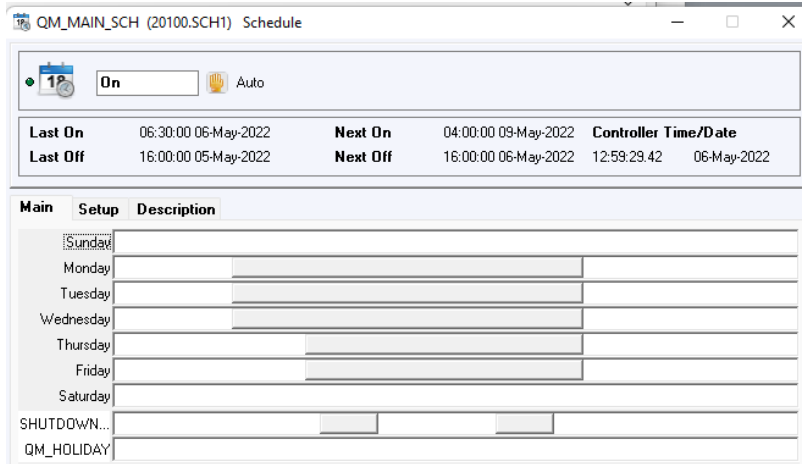


Figure 15: Main building operations schedule

### 5.5.2 Measure Description

Update the main building operations schedule (QM\_MAIN\_SCH) to start at 7am on all weekdays. Monitor room temperatures on Monday mornings, to determine if the Monday start time needs to be adjusted.

For further savings, the DDC can be programmed to adjust start times based on outdoor air temperature and room temperatures, since it takes more time to warm up the building on a cold morning than on a warmer day when the building has retained most of the heat from the previous day. This is commonly known as “optimal start”. The start time should be calculated separately for each air handler since they have different occupancy times.

### 5.5.3 Measure Implementation Update

[Provide confirmation details **AFTER** the measure is implemented and verified]

## 5.6 Measure 6: Summer HVAC operation schedule

### 5.6.1 Description of Finding

There is no evidence of a summer shutdown schedule for the HVAC system this year (2021) or in previous years.

Based on observation of the DDC system on 7 July 2022, the HVAC system maintains regular operation during the summer break. The occupancy of the school during this time is unknown, but it assumed that it is largely unoccupied.

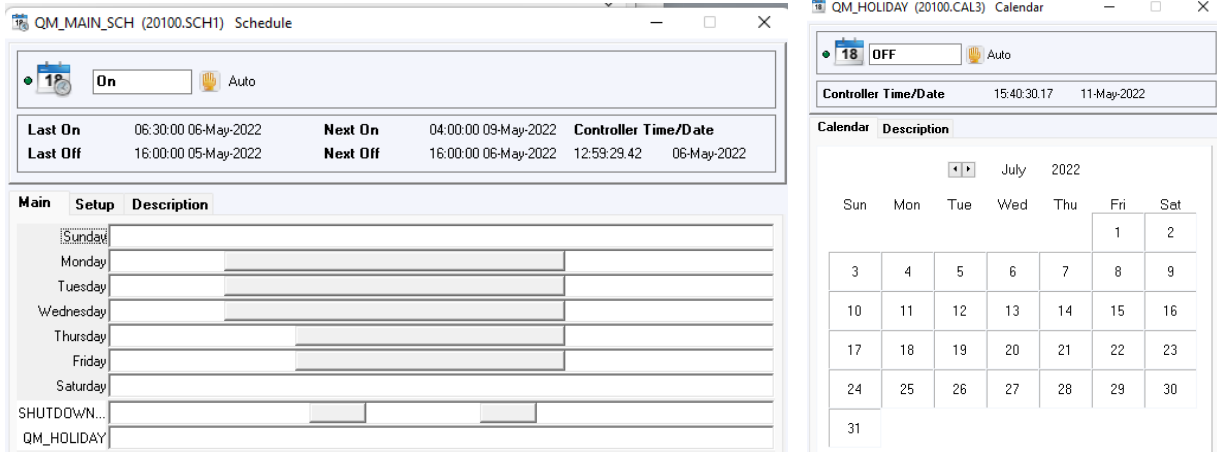


Figure 16: Main building operations schedule

### 5.6.2 Measure Description

Add summer shutdown days to the QM\_HOLIDAY schedule.

Define appropriate daily/weekly schedule to main schedule. For the sake of saving calculations, a two-hour morning flush during unoccupied holidays is assumed.

### 5.6.3 Measure Implementation Update

[Provide confirmation details **AFTER** the measure is implemented and verified]

## 5.7 Measure 7: DHW pumps run continuously

### 5.7.1 Description of Finding

The DHW recirculation pump control is overridden on in the DDC, causing it to operate continuously. Disabling the distribution pumps when the building is unoccupied would provide small electricity savings from reduced pump hours and gas savings from reduced distribution losses.

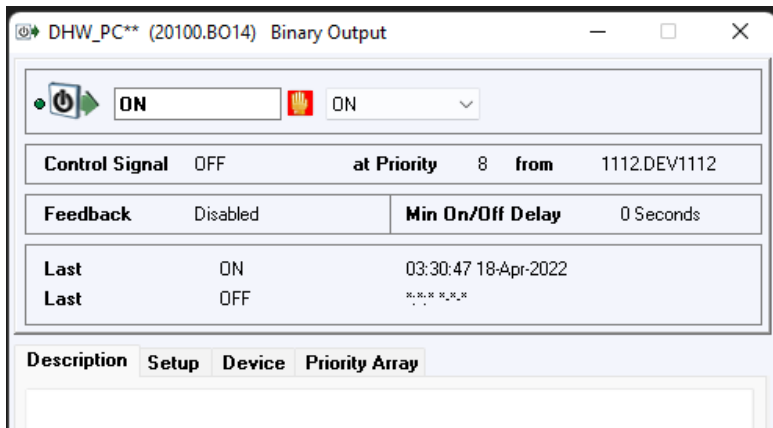


Figure 17: DHW recirculation pump override



### 5.7.1 Measure Description

Create a pump schedule to match occupancy, including custodial staff working outside regular occupancy hours. Remove manual override.

### 5.7.2 Measure Implementation Update

[Provide confirmation details **AFTER** the measure is implemented and verified]

## 5.8 Measure 8: Exhaust fan feedback

### 5.8.1 Description of Finding

The feedback sensor values for several exhaust fans do not match the fans' commanded state.

While this is likely due to sensor defects or calibration errors, the function of the fans should be investigated. Failed fans can cause indoor air quality issues. Exhaust fans operating continuously will use unnecessary electricity to spin the fan and gas from heating the infiltrated makeup air.

**Table 6: Mismatch between commanded state and feedback**

| Fan   | Room              | Command | Feedback             |
|-------|-------------------|---------|----------------------|
| EF-2  | Storage (104,112) | Off     | Running (16.3 Amps)  |
| EF-4  | Storage (116)     | Off     | Running (16.9 Amps)  |
| EF-9  | Main washrooms    | On      | Not running (0 Amps) |
| EF-19 | Rm 169            | On      | Not running (0 Amps) |

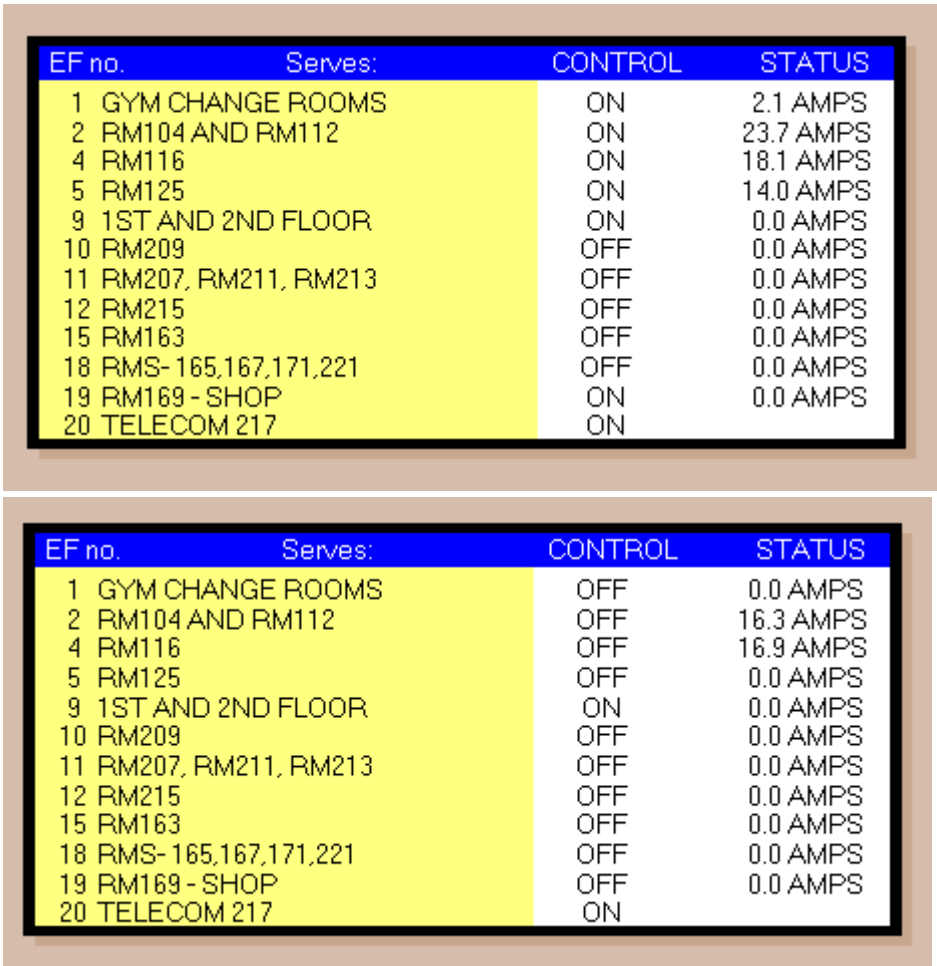


Figure 18: Exhaust fans at different times

### 5.8.2 Measure Description

Confirm in the field whether each exhaust fan operates when commanded and if the status aligns with its actual state.

### 5.8.3 Measure Implementation Update

[Provide confirmation details **AFTER** the measure is implemented and verified]

## 5.9 Measure 9: AHU-4 damper issue

### 5.9.1 Description of Finding

AHU-4 mixed air temperature equals return air temperature in Figure 19 despite a 30% open mixed air damper. This suggests the dampers are not functioning, and the RM 169 Construction Shop served by AHU-4 is not getting any outdoor air. This reduces indoor air quality and cooling, reducing occupant comfort.

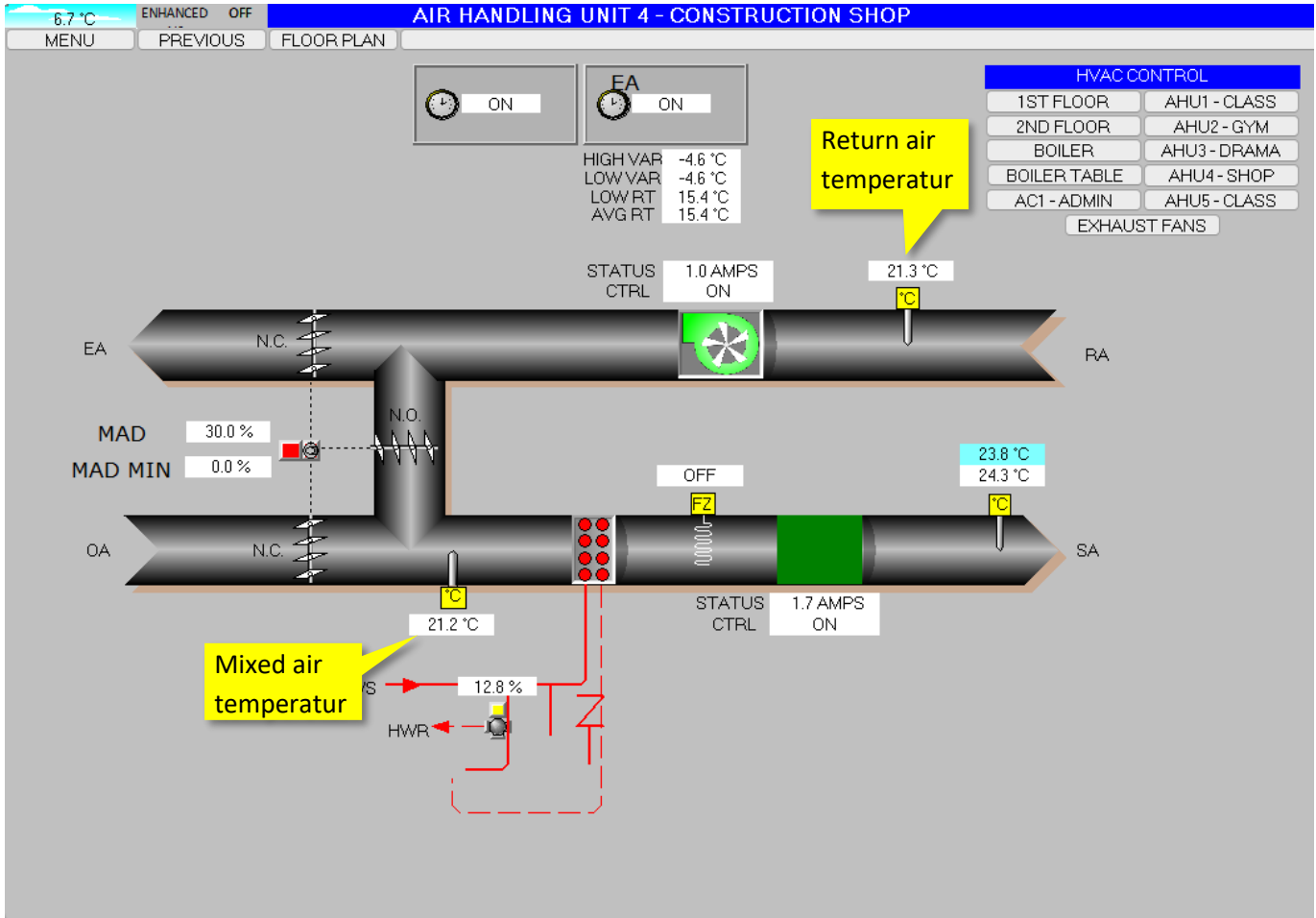


Figure 19: AHU-4 with RAT equal MAT

### 5.9.2 Measure Description

Visually confirm the AHU-4 dampers operate when commanded to various positions. Check for obstructions to the outdoor air supply.

Measure costs are for replacing one damper actuator.

There are no energy savings for this measure.

### 5.9.3 Measure Implementation Update

[Provide confirmation details **AFTER** the measure is implemented and verified]

## 6.0 Measures to be considered for Future Implementation

This section provides an overview of each measure (that was identified but **was not selected** as part of this C. Op. project, but maybe considered for future implementation), recommendations for implementation, and the most suitable method for providing evidence of implementation. See Appendix A - Investigation Phase Summary Table for more details.

### 6.1 *Measure 10: Replace AC-1 condensing unit with air-to-water heat pump*

AC-1's condensing unit is original to the building (2002) and at the end of its predicted service life. It could be replaced by a reversible air-to-water heat pump. The heat pump could be connected to the existing heating coils in AC-1 and the three other air handlers on the roof. During winter, the heat pump would operate in heating mode, and provide 1<sup>st</sup> stage heating to the four air handlers. When required, additional heat would be supplied from the existing boiler loop.

During summer, the heat pump and air handlers could be isolated from the rest of the boiler loop, and the heat pump would provide chilled water to AC-1, with either the existing coil, or a new larger coils serving as a switchover coils. Cooling could also be provided to the other nearby air handlers if desired<sup>1</sup>, but this would require a larger heat pump at a higher project cost.

Estimated costs include all work required to replace the condensing unit with a heat pump. While a heat pump installation is likely to be more expensive than like-for-like replacement of the condensing unit, it is more cost effective than installing both a new condensing unit and a separate heat pump. If the heat pump is sized similarly to the existing condensing unit (20 Tons), it would be able to operate on the existing electrical circuit.

A feasibility study is recommended as the next step to assessing the viability of this project and alternatives. Heating water supply temperatures, and heating coil operation for the four impacted air handlers should be trended through the heating season to confirm savings potential. Mechanical and structural assessments are required to refine the cost and viability of the project.

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<sup>1</sup> This help achieve any climate resilience goals that require managing extreme heat events.



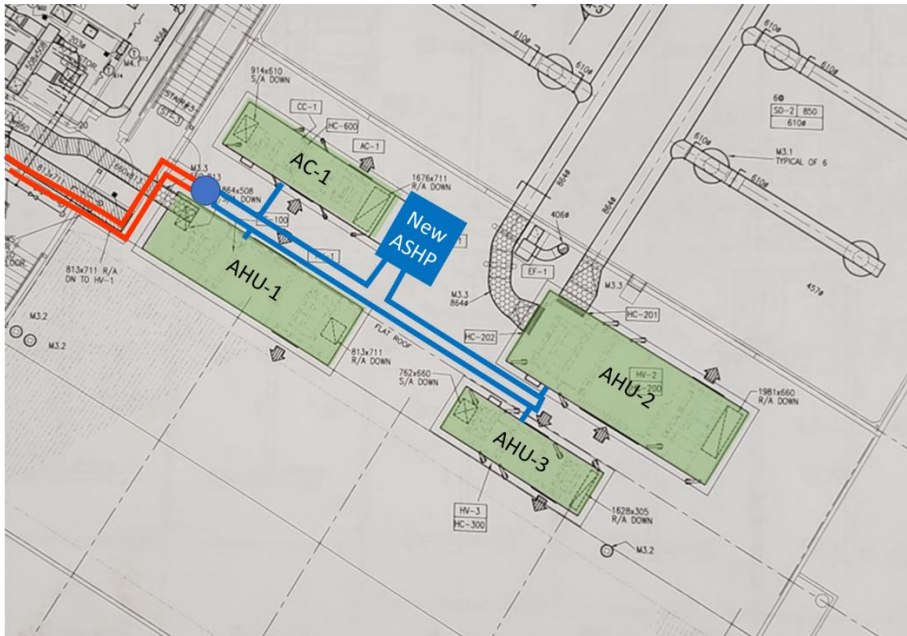


Figure 20: Possible location of ASHP on roof with new loop

## 6.2 Measure 11: Air source heat pump connected to boiler plant

The boiler supply temperature setpoint was observed to reset to low temperatures (50°C or below) at moderate outdoor temperatures (4°C and above), and the supply water temperature could likely be adjusted even lower. This makes the building a potential candidate for connecting an air source heat pump to the hydronic loop.

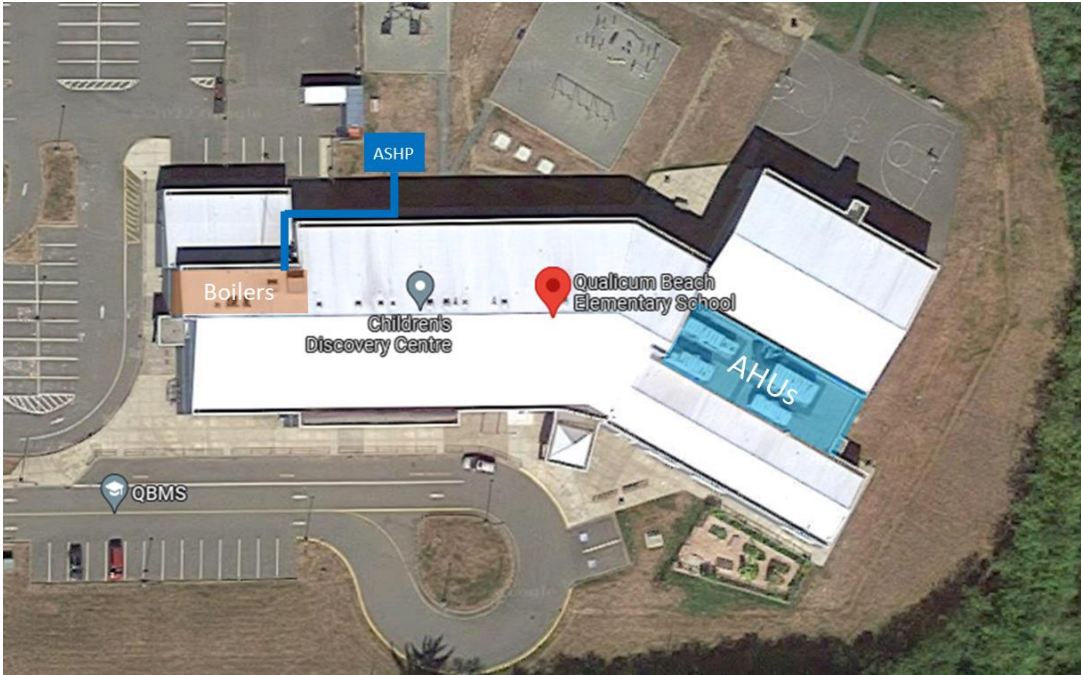
One possible location for an air-source heat pump would be in the gated storage/dust-collector area next to the construction classroom. Alternatively, any location near the school might suffice with fencing around the heat pump. It may also be possible to install the heat pump in the mechanical room, with outdoor air ducted through the heat pump.

During winter, the heat pump would operate in heating mode, and provide 1<sup>st</sup> stage heating to all heating coils in the building, with supplemental heating from the boiler plant. During colder periods, when the heating system requires higher water temperatures than what the heat pump can produce, the system would switch to full gas heating mode.

Estimated costs include all work required to install a new heat pump in the storage area. Alternative locations would involve higher costs. The need or cost for an electrical service upgrade has not been evaluated.

A feasibility study is recommended as the next step to assessing the viability of this project. Heating water supply temperatures, and heating coil performance should be trended through the heating season to confirm the heat pump could operate for most of the heating season. Mechanical and structural assessments are required to refine the cost and viability of the project.





**Figure 22: Possible alternative locations for an air-source heat pump connected to the heating loop**

## 7.0 Next Steps – Implementation Phase and Completion Phase

### 7.1 Implementation Phase

To continue in the program, the owner is responsible for implementing the selected bundle of measures that pay back in two years or less. Using the *Recommissioning Report* for implementation allows flexibility in how the selected measures are implemented. Options include: utilize in-house building staff, hire the C.Op Provider to implement or provide technical assistance, contract with outside service contractors, or any combination of the above.

### 7.2 Completion Phase

C.Op Service provider will follow up after implementation of the selected measures and **update** this *Recommissioning report and Recommissioning Workbook*.

The updated report for the implemented measures includes but not limited to: date of completion of each measure, new or improved sequences of operation, the energy savings impact of the measures, the requirements for ongoing maintenance and monitoring of the measures, and contact information for the service provider, in house staff, and contractors responsible for the implementation. When feasible, verification data should include trends or functional test results, though other methods, such as copies of invoices, site visit reports, and before/after photos, may be acceptable.

The C.Op Service Provider will conduct an in-house (teleconference) session for the Applicant and the appropriate building operations personnel covering the new documentation, measures that were implemented, and requirements for ongoing maintenance and monitoring. Document the attendance of the building operations staff.

The *updated Recommissioning Workbook* and *updated Recommissioning Report* will be submitted to the owner and the program for review. See Appendix B: Completion Phase Summary Table for more details on implemented measures.

## Appendix A: Investigation Phase Summary Table

| Investigation Phase Summary                        |  |                 |              | Investigation Phase |                     |           |               |                             |                      |                    |  |
|--|--|-----------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------|---------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--|
| ECM #  | Measure Title                              | Measure History | Include cost | Energy Savings      |                     |           | Cost Savings  | Financial                   |                      | Est. GHG Reduction | Enter "x" if DESELECT for implementation |
|  |  |                 |              | Demand (kW)         | Electrical (kWh/yr) | Fuel (GJ) | Total (\$/yr) | Estimated Measure Cost (\$) | Simple Payback (yrs) | tonnes CO2e/yr     |  |
| ECM-1  | AHU heating coil valve passing             | New             | 1            | -                   | -                   | 467       | \$ 5,666      | \$ 9,500                    | 1.7                  | 23.3               |  |
| ECM-2  | AHU-1 runs continuously                    | New             | 1            | -                   | 64,275              | 120       | \$ 7,793      | \$ 800                      | 0.1                  | 6.7                |  |
| ECM-3  | AHU-4 random operation                     | New             | 1            | -                   | 26,282              | 22        | \$ 2,854      | \$ 700                      | 0.2                  | 1.4                |  |
| ECM-4  | Reheat valves blocked or passing           | New             | 1            | -                   | -                   | 58        | \$ 698        | \$ 4,800                    | 6.9                  | 2.9                |  |
| ECM-5  | HVAC daily schedule                        | New             | 1            | -                   | 15,362              | 58        | \$ 2,218      | \$ 400                      | 0.2                  | 3.1                |  |
| ECM-6  | HVAC summer schedule                       | New             | 1            | -                   | 13,452              | -         | \$ 1,326      | \$ 600                      | 0.5                  | 0.1                |  |
| ECM-7  | DHW pumps run continuously                 | New             | 1            | -                   | 627                 | 23        | \$ 335        | \$ 600                      | 1.8                  | 1.1                |  |
| ECM-8  | Exhaust fan feedback                       | New             | 1            | -                   | -                   | -         | \$ -          | \$ 1,100                    | #DIV/0!              | -                  |  |
| ECM-9  | AHU-4 damper issues                        | New             | 1            | -                   | -                   | -         | \$ -          | \$ 1,000                    | #DIV/0!              | -                  |  |
| ECM-10   | Replace AC-1 condensing unit with air-to-w | New             | 1            | -                   | 62,440              | 635       | \$ 1,543      | \$ 284,614                  | 184.5                | 31.0               | x  |
| ECM-11   | ASHP connected to boiler plant             | New             | 1            | -                   | 73,756              | 809       | \$ 2,537      | \$ 307,151                  | 121.1                | 39.6               | x  |
| TOTAL (Previous, still working):                   |  |                 |              | -                   | -                   | -         | \$ -          | n/a                         | n/a                  | -                  |  |
| TOTAL (All potential measures for Implementation): |  |                 |              | -                   | 16,198              | 2,191     | \$ 24,969     | \$ 611,265                  | 24.5                 | 109.1              |  |
| TOTAL (Selected measures only):                    |  |                 |              | -                   | 119,998             | 748       | \$ 20,889     | \$ 19,500                   | 0.9                  | 38.6               |  |

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## Appendix B: Completion Phase Summary Table

[Paste image of Completion Summary Table from the RCx Workbook **AFTER** Implementation]



## Appendix C: Sample Training Outline

### [Completion Report AFTER Implementation]

The Commissioning Provider (C.Op Provider) may customize the outline for the training and developing the training materials. Before preparing the training outline and materials, the C.Op Provider should assess the related level of knowledge of the building operators, to set up the training accordingly. For reference, the Program provides the following sample outline for the training:

- Background on the energy use of this particular building
  - Present Energy Utilization Index
  - Describe Operating Schedules and Owner's operating requirements
- RCx investigation process used in this building
  - Describe the methods used to identify problems and deficiencies
  - Review the RCx Workbook
- Implementation process in this building
  - Describe the measures that were implemented and by whom
  - Walk around the building to look at any physical changes or step through the new control sequences at the operator workstation
  - Provide as many details about implementation as necessary to describe what was done
  - Describe improved performance that these measures will create (show trends if available)
- O&M requirements
  - Describe the O&M requirements needed to keep these improvements working
  - Describe how the staff can be aware of energy efficiency opportunities and begin looking for additional savings potential

The C.Op Provider should follow the outline to prepare materials, as necessary, to hand out at the training session.



## Appendix D: Training Completion Form

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| Project ID |
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### Facility Information

|                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| Company Name     | Building Name(s) |
| Facility Address | City Province    |

### Training Details

|                                |      |
|--------------------------------|------|
| Location                       | Date |
| Commissioning Provider/Trainer |      |

### Materials Attached

|   |
|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agenda                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Materials used for training      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> List of individuals who attended |

### COMMISSIONING PROVIDER SIGNATURE

|   |       |
|---|-------|
| By signing this Training Completion Form, I verify that this training took place with the listed attendees. |       |
| Commissioning Provider (print name):  |       |
| Signature:  | Date: |

**FACSIMILE/SCANNED SIGNATURES:** Facsimile transmission of any signed original document, and the retransmission of any signed facsimile transmission, shall be the same as delivery of the original signed document. Scanned original documents transmitted to BC Hydro as an attachment via electronic mail shall be the same as delivery of the original signed document. At the request of BC Hydro, C.Op Provider shall confirm documents with a facsimile transmitted signature or a scanned signature by providing an original document.





Targeted Documentation

O & M Manual

|   |   |
|---|---|
| O & M Manual updated <input type="checkbox"/>         | Describe updates below and attach copies of new or amended portions |
| O & M Manual not updated <input type="checkbox"/>     | Province reasons below  |
| Building has no O & M Manual <input type="checkbox"/> |   |
|   |   |

Building Plans (“as-builts”)

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| Building Plans updated <input type="checkbox"/>       | Describe below |
| Wiring diagrams updated <input type="checkbox"/>      | Describe below |
| No plans or diagrams updated <input type="checkbox"/> | Describe below |
|   |                |

EMS Programming

|   |  |
|---|--|
| New sequences of operation on file <input type="checkbox"/> | Specify location of file and attach copy |
| Printed screenshots on file <input type="checkbox"/>        | Specify location of file and attach copy |
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Equipment Manuals



| Manuals for new equipment are on file <input type="checkbox"/> | Describe below (attach copy if applicable) |
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Checklist of subjects discussed at training

|   |                          |
|---|--------------------------|
| Explain investigation process and how measures were identified  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Describe implemented measures, and how they are reducing energy usage   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Building walkthrough to show implemented measures   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Describe methods for monitoring and maintaining optimum system performance related to implemented measures  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Describe scenarios where system setting changes would be required, and how to maintain optimum energy efficiency, e.g., seasonal-based manual adjustments to setpoints. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

