



# Energy Efficiency Case Study

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## Sunshine Academy Brookline, MA

### Background

Sunshine Academy is a family-owned and accredited early childhood education center that proudly provides a safe and stimulating environment for children to grow and develop.

### The Challenge

Andrew Haber, co-owner of Sunshine Academy, strives to offer new educational programs and maintain a comfortable and bright environment at each of the three Greater Boston locations. He also faces many of the same challenges experienced by small business owners who want to make necessary changes: access to in-house expertise, time and capital. Knowing that lighting and heating/cooling expenses were trending higher and equipment was not supporting a comfortable environment, he began to research options for upgrading the building systems and lighting at the Brookline location.

### The Eversource Solution

Sunshine Academy partnered with Eversource to take advantage of the Small Business Energy Advantage program, which provides expertise, incentives and financing for energy efficiency solutions to reduce energy use and costs. Following a comprehensive, no-cost evaluation, a plan outlining eligible measures, costs and estimated savings was presented. Working with an Eversource-approved contractor, Sunshine Academy completed priority projects including:

- Installing new heating and cooling units and controls, which will save more than 53,000 kilowatt-hours (kWh) of energy annually.
- Replacing current lighting fixtures with LED upgrades, saving more than 37,000 kWh of energy annually

The energy efficiency upgrades helped Sunshine Academy save close to 40% on their energy costs, and through the partnership with Eversource they also had access to rebates and incentives to cut down the upfront costs of the improvements. Today Sunshine Academy is at the head of its class in sustainability.

"We've seen a noticeable drop in energy costs, and it's much easier to maintain a comfortable temperature in the buildings," **said Sunshine Academy Co-Owner Andrew Haber.** "The energy efficiency provides a more comfortable, welcoming environment for our students and staff and allows us to demonstrate the important lesson of sustainability."

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