

Healthy Environments Advance Learning

NEWSLETTER



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The HEAL team celebrated National Healthy Schools Day by leading an informative webinar highlighting innovative School Indoor Air Enhancements in Rhode Island and Connecticut. [View the webinar here: https://healthyschools.org/national-healthy-schools-day/](https://healthyschools.org/national-healthy-schools-day/) **Passcode: j48@ciF**



Improving Health and Well-Being through RETROCOMMISSIONING AND RETROFITTING

This month we're spotlighting the work of two amazing partners, **Rhode Island Energy (RIE)** and **The Energy Efficiency Group (TEEG)** who are currently conducting comprehensive building assessments across five districts, **including 70 schools buildings.**

Retrocomissioning (RCx) optimizes the performance of existing systems through inspection, testing, and adjustments. In contrast, **retrofitting** focuses on upgrading or replacing older equipment with modern technologies to enhance system performance and efficiency. Both are critical to strengthening the functionality of school facilities by reducing **energy consumption and improving the overall comfort, health, and well-being of students and staff.**

The combination of RCx and retrofitting in our cohort 1 schools- Central Falls, Pawtucket, Providence, Warwick, and West Warwick- is an unprecedented investment in our schools' Indoor Air Quality (IAQ). **Thank you to Rhode Island Energy for investing in our students' health and academic success through improving our school buildings!**

