How the HGSC Program Can Help Your School Manage Uncertainty, Shifting Priorities, and Budget Shortfalls

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HGSC Program

- ✔ Developed in partnership with school facility directors
- ✔ Encourages continual improvement
- ✔ Covers the full range of facilities management practices

Certification

To earn certification, school participants must comply with all required criteria and earn enough points to reach one of the following tiers:

- Bronze Level: 60-74 points
- Silver Level: 75-84 points
- Gold Level: 85+ points

Current Participants

K-12

- Cape Elizabeth School Department (ME)
- Chicago Public Schools (IL)
- Clark County School District (NV)
- Issaquah School District 411 (WA)
- Kansas City Public Schools (MO)
- Salt Lake City School District (UT)
- Township High School District 214 (IL)
- West Allis-West Milwaukee School District (WI)

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- University of California-Riverside (CA)

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Key Challenges in K-12 Districts and Higher Education Institutions

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- Guides teams in a unifying direction
- Saves time through network activation
- Turns everyday job duties into strategic opportunities
- Provides proximity to vendor partners

Guides Teams in a Unifying Direction

Protecting Health
Efficient Operations
Enhanced Learning
Sustainability

WEST ALLIS–WEST MILWAUKEE
SCHOOL DISTRICT

- Reduced chemicals purchased from 30 to 8
- Streamlined inventory system
- Simplified and improved training
- Staffing flexibility

Steven Eichman
Facilities manager

Chicago Public Schools

- One Team approach
- Create a shared focus
- Build momentum

Brian Martin
CPS PMO Deputy Program Director

Township High School District 214

- Build a foundation for success through efficient operations
- Ensure consistency through documenting SOPs
- Pursue the outcomes of health and sustainability

Aneta Mistak
Director of Operations

Saves Time Through Network Activation

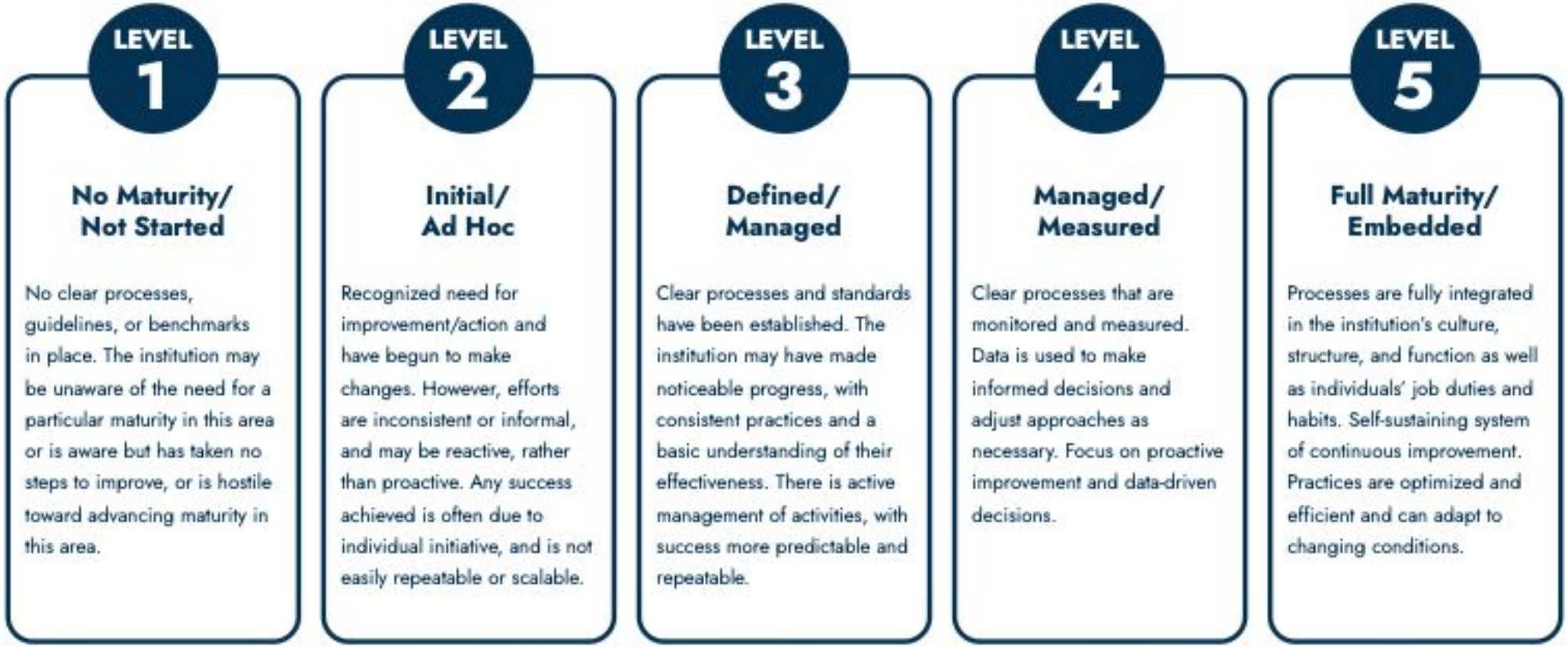
Cape Elizabeth School Department

- Leverage insights and experience of other members
- Improved vendor technology vetting
- Quickly build the case for higher ups

David Bagdasarian
Facilities Director

Turns Everyday Job Duties Into Strategic Opportunities

Five Levels of Maturity



WEST ALLIS–WEST MILWAUKEE
SCHOOL DISTRICT

- Assess responsibilities for strategic opportunities
- Focus on messaging/positioning
- Tie Facility Department goals to broader district goals more effectively

Steven Eichman
Facilities manager

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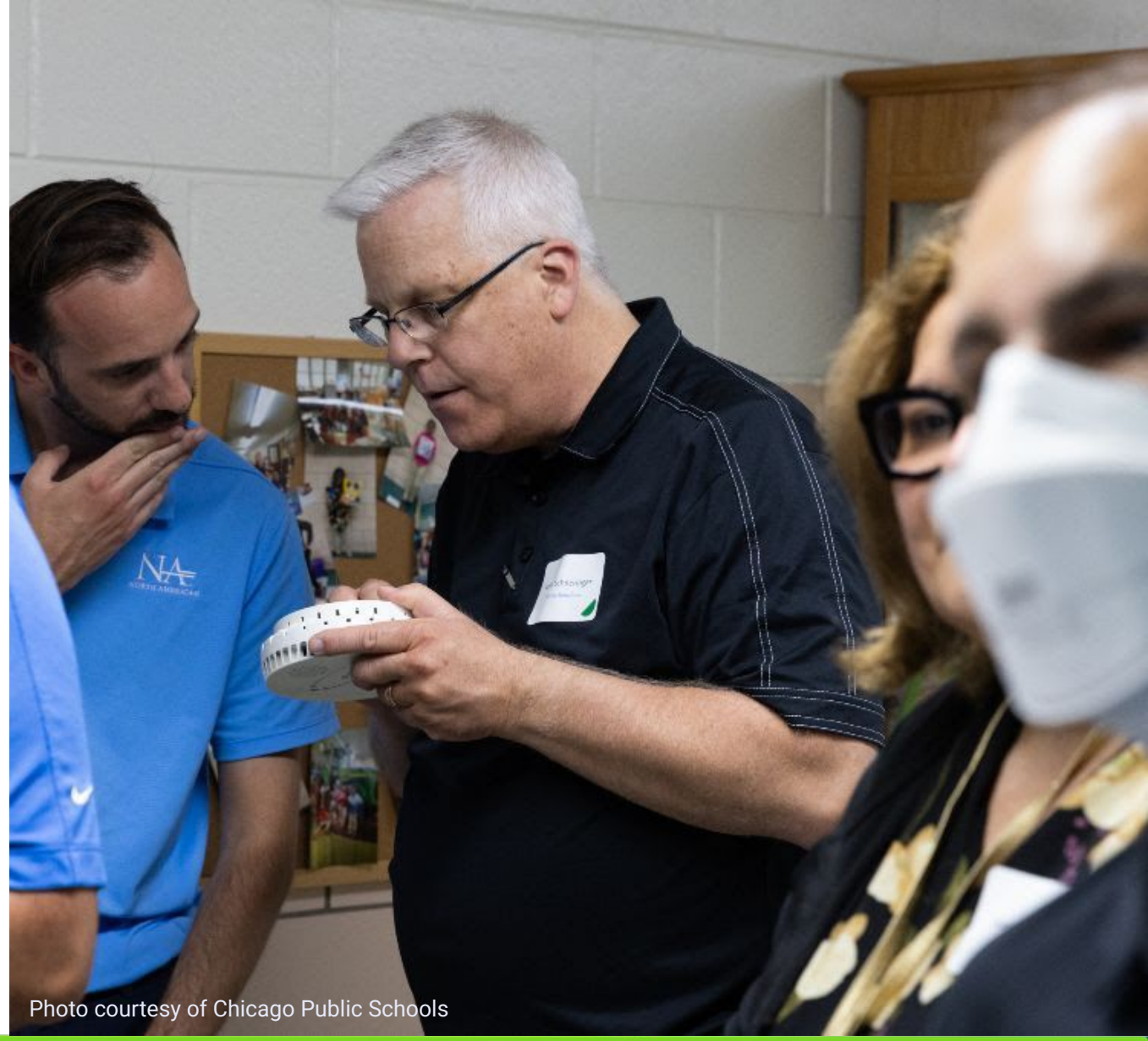
- Build stakeholder relationships
- Leverage program transparency and credibility to navigate district-level changes

Rob Christlieb
Executive Director, Facilities, Operations & Maintenance

Provides Proximity to Vendor Partners



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ISSAQUAH SCHOOL DISTRICT 411

- Vendors help Issaquah navigate budget constraints and policy challenges
- Flexible solutions for unfunded mandates

Julius Carter
Director of Facility Services

UC RIVERSIDE

- Relies on vendors to help with labor shortages and challenges in operation
- Access to value-add services

Aaron Uresti
Assistant Director of Custodial Services & Resource Management

SALT LAKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Your Best Choice

- Leverages vendor relationship to test innovative technologies
- Investments in aqueous ozone cleaning systems and second-life plastic trash liners

Ricky Martinez
Assistant Director of Facility Services

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Program Benefits

Membership in a welcoming community of practitioners and vendor partners providing an opportunity to showcase your work and learn from others.

Professional development and change management training to help you effectively lead your department.

Ongoing support to help your school earn a certification including access to assessment tools, work plan trackers, implementation guidance, SOP templates and more.

Program Benefits continued

Promotional tools to help you showcase your participation enabling you to strategically elevate the work of your team.

Access to regular meetings and specialty cohorts to support knowledge sharing and accelerate your progress toward certification.

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