

# A Behavior Based Energy Conservation Program at Suffolk County Community College

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# Suffolk County Community College Overview -

- Founded in 1959.
- Largest Community College in NYS.
- Over 26,500 students enrolled across three campuses and two extension sites.
- Gross Building Square Footage: Over 1.3 M
- Annual Utilities Budget of \$5.5M (pre-project).



# Cenergistic Overview



- Established in 1986 - Leader in Behavior based EPC's, specializing in K-12 and Higher Ed.
- More than \$4 billion in energy savings — with a client average of 26%
- 1,360 clients in 48 states
- Programs are in over 22,000 buildings nationwide

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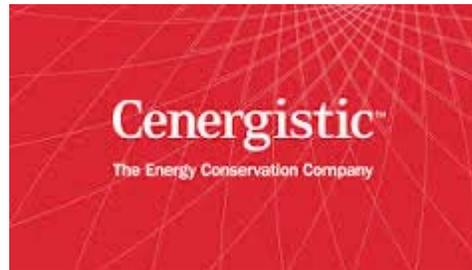
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# SCCC Sustainability Initiatives



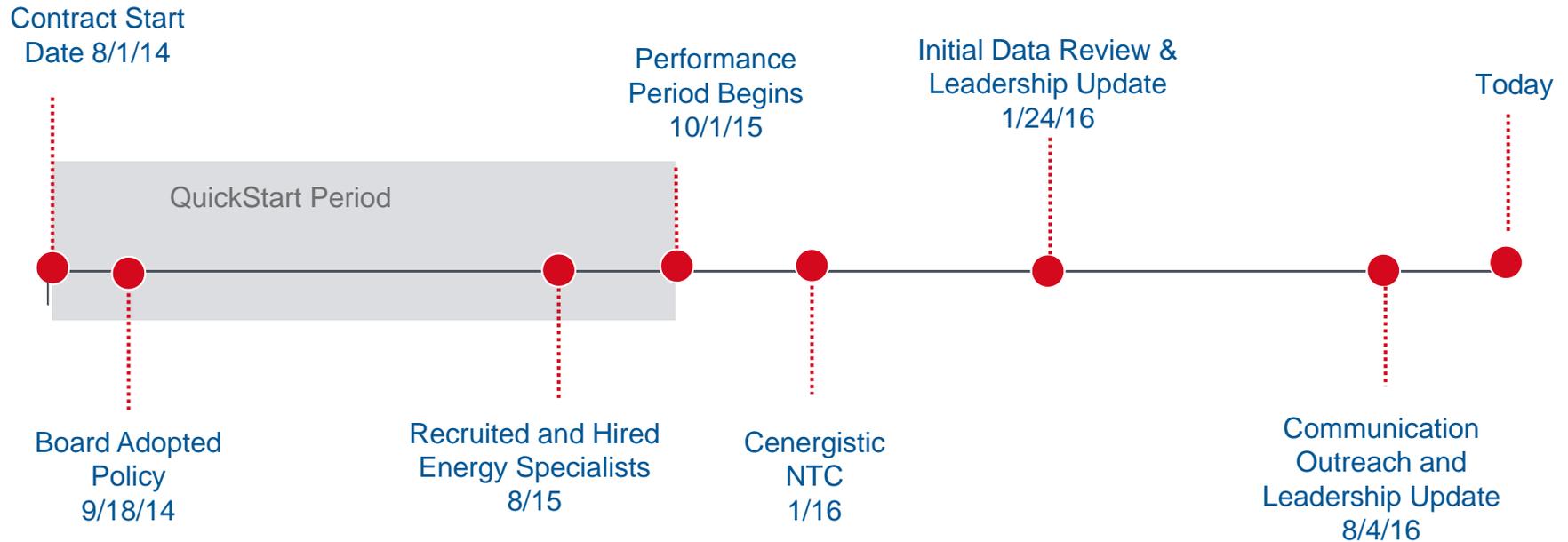
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# Program Update



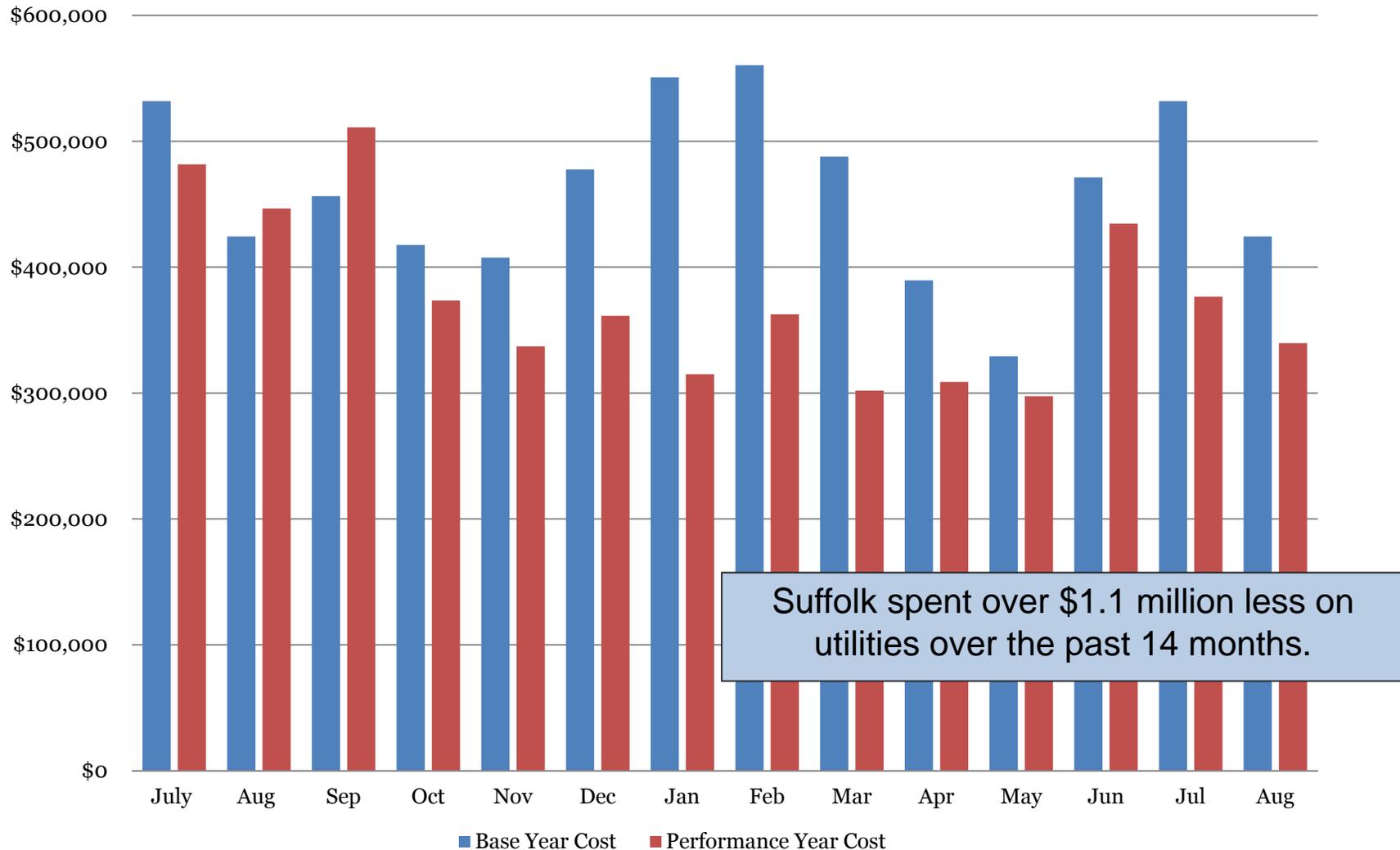
- 50% Shared Savings
  - After ES salary expenditures and Suffolk expenses. Adjusted for weather and commodity cost.
- Primary Focus is on schedule and building optimization
- 5 Year Contract

• Board adopted Policy and Guidelines -

	<u>Occupied</u>	<u>Unoccupied</u>
Cooling:	74-78	85
Heating:	68-70	55

# Raw Utility Cost Comparison

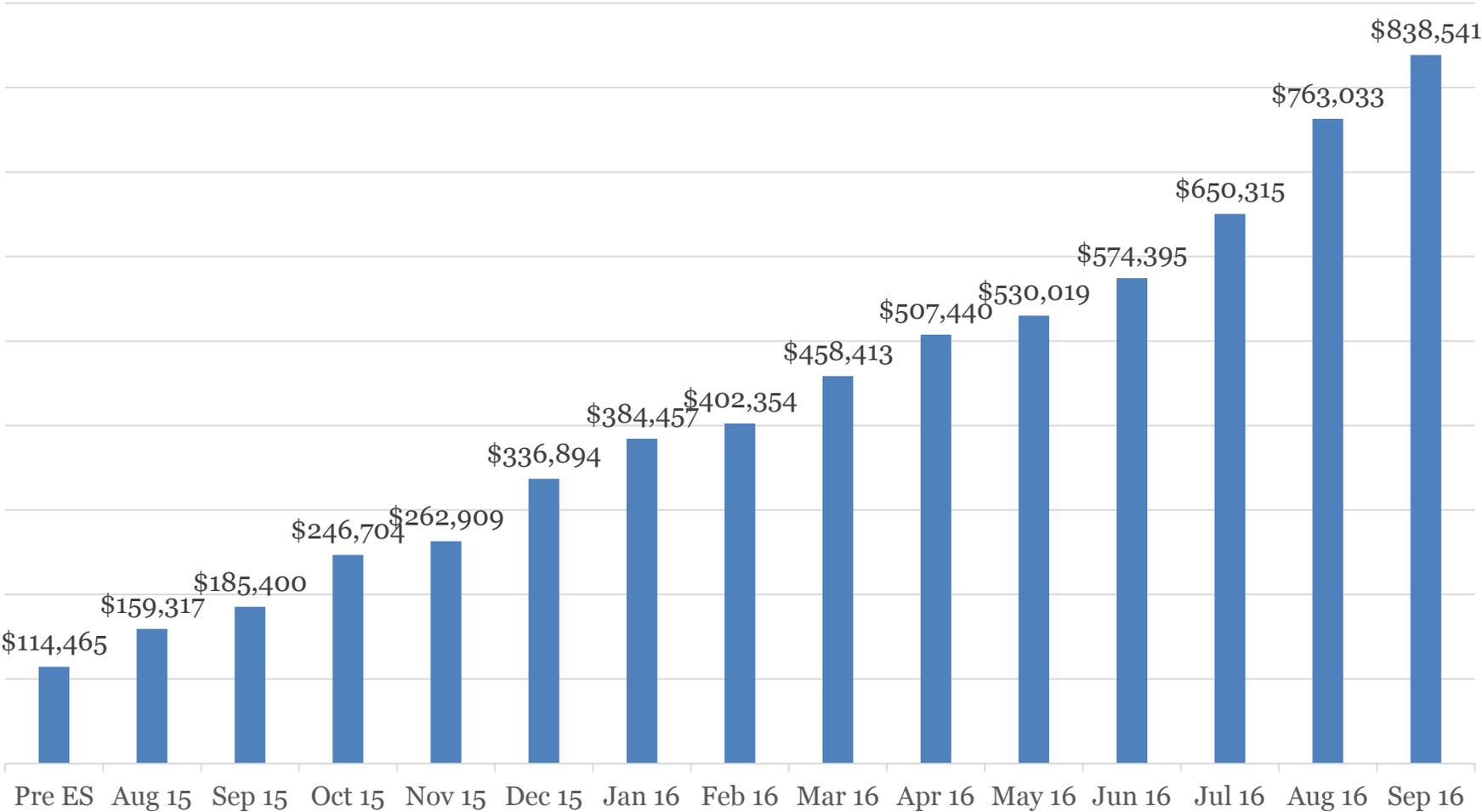
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# Monthly Savings Trend

## Program Savings to Date: **\$838,541**

Cumulative Savings - SCCC



# A Day in the Life of an Energy Specialist

- Perform occupied and unoccupied building energy audits of 50 buildings
- Receive one-on-one training from Cenergistic staff
- Review building schedules and set HVAC equipment to match building use
- Adjust set points to match program guidelines
- Take advantage of college breaks to increase energy conservation savings
- Verify utility bills accuracy and analyze trends
- Communicate our energy program goals to students and staff



# Sagtikos Building Case Study



- Found HVAC equipment did not respond to schedule
- 5-day Simple Payback Period
- Project anticipated to save \$100,000 annually

College Investment: \$1,150 Johnson Controls Tech. Visit	
<u>Month</u>	<u>Savings</u>
June:	\$7,711
July:	\$8,565
August:	\$14,418
September:	\$12,148

# Projected Savings

## Current Savings

13.3%

\$838,541

## Projected Savings

24%

\$1,308,996

**Monthly Difference: \$39,204**

- Reinvest savings in fixing equipment and controls
- Enhance energy conservation program visibility
- Apply organizational resources more efficiently
- Augment communication/outreach plan with high level involvement



# Lessons Learned

- Energy Specialist Hires
  - Critical. Can take time.
    - Where do they fit in? Bargaining unit issues
    - Cenergistic's new business model
- Relationship with Plant Operations
  - Operational Reliability vs. Energy Savings
- Budgetary Inclusion
- Tangential Benefits
  - Great resource for Utility cost data
  - Puts new focus on energy/sustainability issues

Thank you!

Questions?