SIMPLE BUT POWERFUL

Pleasanton Unified School District has installed more than 1,500 Pelican devices in eight buildings, starting in 2015.

The district had been using traditional controls system, but when the system failed, they searched for a new solution. Ultimately, they chose Pelican because it allowed them more versatility to configure the system the way they wanted, and because they liked that the wireless network performs even if every unit isn’t up and running—one device can go down without impacting the rest of the network.

They were immediately struck by the simplicity of the system. Mike Doppler from the district said, “There are no proprietary controllers, and it’s wired like a regular thermostat. It’s easy. With programming right out of the box, you plug it in, and it configures itself. That’s huge for people who don’t really understand these systems. Even an entry level tech can put it together.”

The district has also gotten use out of Pelican’s PEARL economizer controls, which have helped save energy costs. Doppler said, “Economizers are a strange thing for people—we don’t know how it works. With PEARL, you plug it in, and it configures itself. That’s huge for people who don’t really understand economizers.”

Once the district was comfortable with the PEARL, they began to use Pelican’s power module, the PM5, to run the dusk-to-dawn lighting, finding new uses for the technology to help manage their buildings.

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