Located in the heart of Silicon Valley, Sunnyvale Elementary School District nurtures the next generation of bright minds across its ten schools.

Each year, the school district runs an extensive summer school program, partnering with Stanford University and other community organizations to offer enrichment classes for its students.

With more than 1000 students participating in the program, Sunnyvale’s maintenance department has its work cut out for it in keeping all the classes comfortable.

The district has 75 portable classrooms with standalone BARD units. Prior to installing Pelican, maintenance manager Ricky Corrales had to manage each of the portables manually, driving around to each one to troubleshoot them. “It was ridiculous, and very time consuming,” Ricky said.

When district management heard that other schools were switching to Pelican to manage their HVAC, there was consensus that they should give it a shot. They ran a pilot, and according to Ricky, “the rest was history”.

With Pelican installed across all ten schools and the administration building, it has transformed HVAC management across the district. Unlike more conventional commercial buildings, schools often have many buildings spread out across large campuses, which presents a challenge in getting access to all their facilities. Sunnyvale uses Pelican repeaters to access any hard-to-reach buildings, as well as our zone controller to control 33 zones in the administration building.

“It has made life a whole lot easier. I’m happy with it, and what’s more, it doesn’t cost an arm and a leg,” said Ricky.

The district plans to bring more buildings online with Pelican next summer, and use our Power Control Module to begin controlling lighting in some of its buildings.

Now, whenever Sunnyvale gears up for summer school, they know they can trust their Pelican system to provide a comfortable learning environment for their students.