# UTILITY MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE 101

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#### INTRODUCTION

"A FOOL PULLS THE LEAVES, A BRUTE HACKS THE TRUCK, A SAGE DIGS THE ROOTS."



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- 1. GOOD ENERGY MANAGEMENT ALWAYS FOLLOWS THE DATA A SOFTWARE IS NOT GOING DO THE JOB FOR YOU, JUST PROVIDE INSIGHT AND DATA FOR MANY OF THE PHASES OF YOUR ENERGY PLANS.
- 2. EMS SOFTWARE NOT FOR EVERYONE, IN EVERY SITUATION.
- 3. VARIETY OF DIFFERENT PLATFORMS SO, WHAT FITS <u>YOUR</u> NEEDS? DON'T LET THE VENDOR TELL YOU WHAT YOUR NEEDS ARE.



### WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

- 1. SHOULD ALLOW, AT MINIMUM, FOR YOU TO REPLICATE THE CHARGES ON MONTHLY UTILITY BILL EVEN IF YOU'VE GOT ADVANCED METERING AND CONTROLS THE UTILITY BILL IS THE GOSPEL TRUTH ON IMPACT OF PROJECTS/PROCESS CHANGES.
- 2. SHOULD ALLOW FOR TREND ANALYSIS, BENCHMARKING, AND NORMALIZATION. SOFTWARE SHOULD ACT LIKE ADDITIONAL STAFF FOR YOU.
- 3. CENTRALIZED AND CONSISTENT DATA FOR COMMUNICATION ACROSS THE ORG. IF YOU DON'T HAVE TIME TO INPUT BILLING DATA, DOES VENDOR OFFER THE SERVICE? IS PLATFORM ACCESSIBLE BY OTHERS?
- 4. SHOULD ALLOW FOR PROJECT TRACKING (M&V) AND COMMUNICATE THESE SAVINGS TO STAKEHOLDERS



#### TIPS TO IMPLEMENT

- 1. IDENTIFY YOUR NEEDS AND GOALS FOR SUSTAINABILITY/ENERGY REDUCTION. WHAT TOOLS/DATA DO YOU HAVE NOW VS. WHAT TOOLS/DATA DO YOU NEED?
- 2. RESEARCH AT LEAST 3 VENDORS GREAT SOFTWARE PLATFORMS OUT THERE THAT CAN DO THE SAME THINGS IN DIFFERENT WAYS. CAN THE VENDOR GROW WITH ME? WHAT OTHER PRODUCTS/SERVICES DO THEY HAVE? ARE THEY ASKING ABOUT MY NEEDS AND LISTENING TO MY ANSWERS?
- 3. PHASED APPROACH WILL THE VENDOR/SOFTWARE ALLOW FOR A PHASED IMPLEMENTATION? CRAWL, WALK, RUN



#### Energy & Utilities Dashboard

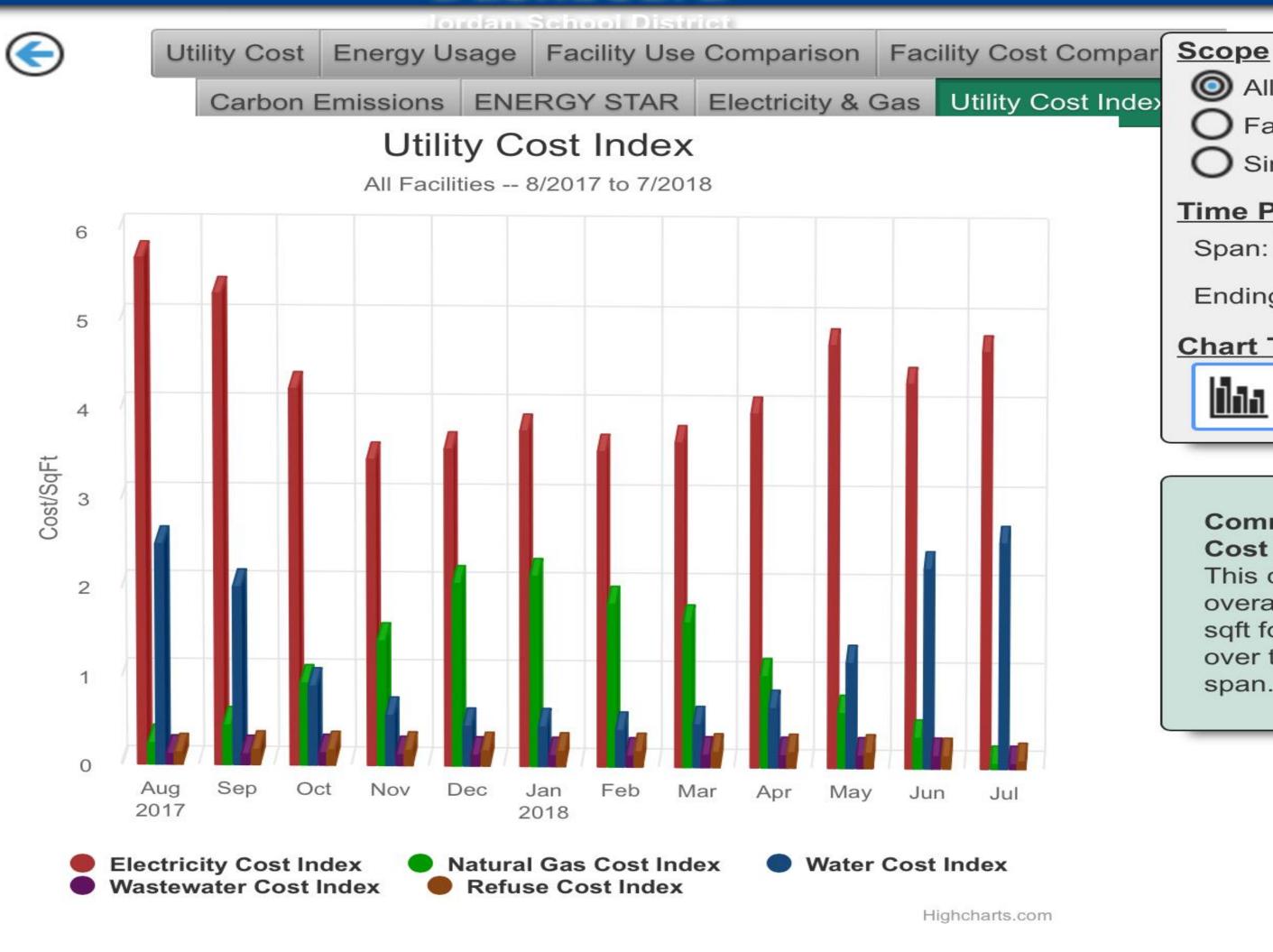




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#### **External Links**

Energy Services Homepage



All Facilities
O Facility Group
O Single Facility

Time Period
Span: 1 Year
Ending: Jul 2018
Chart Type

## Comments on 'Utility Cost Index' report: This chart shows the overall monthly cost per sqft for each utility service

sqft for each utility service over the selected time span.

