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EXPLORING THE IMPACT OF CIRCULAR SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS ON THE STUDENT LEARNING ENVIRONMENT: A CASE STUDY OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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ABSTRACT

Aims: This study aims to explore the impact of circular solar energy systems on the student learning environment in public schools. Specifically, it seeks to assess how these energy systems influence various factors such as classroom comfort, student engagement, academic performance, and teacher effectiveness. Study design: A quantitative, descriptive-correlational research design was used for this study. The research focused on collecting data through a survey administered to 100 student respondents from selected public schools that have implemented circular solar energy systems for at least one academic year. The survey was designed to measure the extent of solar energy system integration and its effects on the student learning environment. **Methodology:** The study used a structured questionnaire divided into two sections: the first section assessed the level of implementation of circular solar energy systems, covering aspects like energy efficiency, cost savings, sustainability, technology integration, and renewable energy output. The second section evaluated the student learning environment, considering classroom comfort, student engagement, teacher effectiveness, health and well-being, and academic performance. Data were analyzed using descriptive statistics, Pearson's correlation coefficient, and regression analysis to examine the relationships between the implementation of solar energy systems and improvements in the learning environment. **Results:** The results indicated that the implementation of circular solar energy systems was rated positively, with the highest ratings given to energy efficiency and renewable energy output. The student learning environment also received favorable ratings, especially in terms of academic performance. A moderate positive correlation ($r = 0.479$, $p = 0.000$) was found between the level of solar energy system integration and improvements in the student learning environment, suggesting that the better the implementation of these systems, the more conducive the learning environment became. **Conclusion:** The study concluded that the integration of circular solar energy systems significantly improves the student learning environment, enhancing energy efficiency, classroom comfort, and academic outcomes. These findings highlight the importance of renewable energy technologies in public schools as a means of creating more sustainable and supportive educational environments. The study recommends further investments in solar energy systems to maximize their benefits for student learning and overall school operations.

Keywords: Circular Solar Energy Systems, Learning Environment, Public Schools, Student Engagement, Sustainability.

INTRODUCTION

Across the globe, the pursuit of sustainable energy solutions has become a critical agenda item in response to the growing challenges of climate change, energy insecurity, and environmental degradation. Circular solar energy systems, a development in renewable energy technology that emphasizes resource efficiency and sustainability, have gained prominence as a strategic intervention in various sectors, including education. Countries such as Germany, Australia, and Japan have integrated solar energy into public infrastructures, including schools, not only to reduce carbon emissions but also to create conducive learning environments. In these nations, solar installations in schools have been linked to enhanced classroom comfort and energy efficiency, fostering a positive learning environment while simultaneously reducing operational costs (Sharma & Patel, 2021; Williams & Green, 2022). Studies have shown that solar-powered schools contribute to lower energy bills, which are often redirected to improve educational resources, and promote environmental stewardship among students, reinforcing their understanding of sustainability (Meyers *et al.,* 2020).

International organizations, such as UNESCO and the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP), have consistently advocated for the adoption of green technologies in schools, underscoring the importance of aligning educational facilities with global sustainability goals. UNESCO's efforts have spotlighted solar energy as a key component in reducing educational institutions' carbon footprints, urging nations to invest in renewable energy for schools to fulfill global environmental targets (UNESCO, 2021). The Paris Agreement emphasizes the vital role of educational institutions in promoting environmental awareness and action, framing the adoption of renewable energy technologies as not only a technical shift but also a pedagogical imperative. This is further highlighted by initiatives such as the "Greening Education Partnership" by UNESCO, which encourages sustainable practices within educational settings, positioning energy practices as integral to broader educational reform (UNEP, 2022).

In addition, international collaboration and funding mechanisms have supported the deployment of renewable energy technologies in schools worldwide. Programs like the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) and the Green Climate Fund (GCF) are investing in projects that enhance the resilience and sustainability of educational infrastructures (Green Climate Fund, 2021). The integration of circular solar energy systems is increasingly viewed not only as a solution for reducing operational costs but also as an opportunity to educate the next generation of global citizens on the importance of environmental stewardship. Solar-powered schools serve as live laboratories where students can witness real-time applications of science and technology concepts, reinforcing curriculum content and fostering a culture of innovation (Dimitrov *et al.,* 2020; Liu *et al.,* 2023).

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Furthermore, case studies from nations such as Denmark and South Korea reveal that solar-powered schools contribute significantly to national carbon reduction targets while simultaneously improving educational outcomes (Schultz & Ford, 2020). These countries have demonstrated that investing in renewable energy in schools is not merely a technical upgrade but a strategic investment in holistic educational reform. Their experience shows that students exposed to sustainable technologies at a young age are more likely to adopt pro-environmental behaviors and pursue careers in green industries, thus creating a positive cycle of innovation and environmental protection (Harris & Marshall, 2021).

In the Philippines, the call for renewable energy adoption has been echoed through legislative measures and national programs. The Renewable Energy Act of 2008 (Republic Act No. 9513) establishes the framework for promoting and developing renewable energy resources, recognizing solar energy as a key contributor to the country's energy mix (Philippine Department of Energy, 2020). Public schools, being significant consumers of electricity, have been identified as potential beneficiaries of solar energy systems to alleviate operational costs and enhance environmental awareness. While initiatives such as "Green Schools" and "Solar Schools" programs have been launched by government agencies and non-government organizations, the adoption rate remains limited (Gonzales & Perez, 2022). However, a growing number of educational institutions are exploring solar solutions to address both sustainability goals and infrastructural challenges, indicating a shift toward broader adoption (Tung *et al.,* 2021).

The Department of Energy (DOE) and the Department of Education (DepEd) have emphasized the need for innovative energy solutions in schools, citing the potential for solar energy to foster not only operational efficiency but also educational opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields. The National Renewable Energy Program (NREP) envisions achieving a 35% renewable energy share by 2030, highlighting the urgency for mainstreaming renewable energy in critical public infrastructures such as schools (Hoffman & Beranek, 2022). Recent initiatives, such as the "Brigada Eskwela" program, have incorporated sustainability components, although the full integration of circular solar energy systems into mainstream educational strategies remains an area requiring further action.

The Philippine Energy Plan 2020-2040 outlines an ambitious vision for increasing renewable energy capacity, with specific mention of enhancing energy access in public institutions such as schools. National efforts are increasingly aligned with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 7, which seeks to ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all (Khan *et al.,* 2023). However, despite policy advancements, implementation bottlenecks such as procurement hurdles, limited technical expertise, and funding constraints have slowed the widespread adoption of solar technologies in public schools. Addressing these barriers requires not only stronger policy frameworks but also targeted capacity-building initiatives for school administrators and local government units.

At the local level, particularly in various regions of Mindanao and other under-resourced areas, public schools face persistent challenges related to unreliable electricity supply, high energy costs, and suboptimal learning environments. Schools in these regions often contend with inadequate ventilation, poor lighting conditions, and uncomfortable classroom temperatures, all of which negatively impact student engagement, teacher performance, and academic achievement (Schultz & Ford, 2020). Local governments and community stakeholders have begun to recognize the role of renewable energy in addressing these issues. However, the implementation of circular solar energy systems in public schools remains at a nascent stage, hindered by limited funding, technical expertise, and institutional capacity (Gonzales & Perez, 2022).

The potential benefits of integrating circular solar energy systems into local public schools are significant, yet empirical evidence assessing their impact on the student learning environment remains sparse. Local efforts, such as those led by barangay councils and non-governmental organizations, indicate promising interest but often lack the structured evaluation mechanisms to measure the effectiveness of these initiatives (Tung *et al.,* 2021). Without clear models of success, local decision-makers face challenges in securing broader support for renewable energy projects in education.

Theoretical Framework

The study was anchored on the Diffusion of Innovations Theory by Everett M. Rogers (1962), which explained how, why, and at what rate new ideas and technologies spread within a social system. Rogers emphasized that innovations were adopted based on five key factors: relative advantage, compatibility, complexity, trial ability, and observability. This theory supported the independent variable by showing that the implementation of circular solar energy systems in schools depended on how stakeholders perceived their usefulness, ease of integration, simplicity, ability to experiment, and visible benefits. Recent studies have confirmed that these factors played a critical role in the adoption of sustainable technologies in educational settings. For instance, a study by Brown & Smith (2023) found that stakeholders' perceived ease of integration and visible benefits were key determinants in the successful adoption of renewable energy solutions in schools. Understanding these dynamics provided a framework for analyzing how renewable energy technologies were embraced within educational institutions.

Additionally, the study was anchored on the Constructivist Learning Theory proposed by Jean Piaget (1952), which stressed that learners actively constructed knowledge through experiences rather than passively receiving information. Piaget's theory supported the dependent variable by suggesting that a well-structured, healthy, and engaging learning environment enhanced through sustainable energy systems directly affected students' capacity for critical thinking, knowledge retention, collaboration, and academic achievement. A conducive environment empowered students to build meaningful learning experiences aligned with real-world contexts. Recent research by Anderson & Lee (2023) emphasized that improvements in the learning environment, such as better lighting and temperature regulation enabled by solar energy, led to enhanced student engagement and cognitive development, further supporting Piaget's theory.

This study was guided by the relationship between the independent variable (IV), Circular Solar Energy Systems, and the dependent variable (DV), Student Learning Environment, within selected public schools. The independent variable, Circular Solar Energy Systems, referred to the application of sustainable and renewable energy technologies designed to maximize resource efficiency while minimizing environmental impacts. Circularity emphasized the use of solar panels and their maintenance, recyclability, and integration into school operations to ensure long-term sustainability. The sub-dimensions of the independent variable included energy efficiency, cost savings, sustainability features, technology integration, and renewable energy output. These elements collectively aimed to enhance the operational infrastructure of schools, leading to a more stable and reliable energy supply, lower utility expenses, and promoting environmental responsibility among students and staff. A study by Greenfield & Taylor (2023) showed that the integration of solar energy in schools not only reduced carbon footprints but also improved the operational resilience of the institutions, particularly in regions facing energy insecurity.

The dependent variable, Student Learning Environment, referred to the overall conditions within the school that directly influenced students' ability to learn effectively. It covered various dimensions, including classroom comfort, student engagement, teacher effectiveness, health and well-being, and academic performance. Improvements in the learning environment were expected to result from enhanced lighting, better ventilation, improved classroom temperature regulation, and increased access to learning resources powered by sustainable energy. A recent study by Harris & Thompson (2023) demonstrated that solar-powered classrooms in schools in Australia led to improved air quality and thermal comfort, which directly contributed to higher student satisfaction and academic performance. A conducive environment supported students' cognitive, social, and emotional development, facilitating higher academic success and fostering a stronger sense of well-being within the school community.

Furthermore, a study by Nguyen *et al.,* (2023) explored the impact of solar energy on the classroom learning environment in Southeast Asia, highlighting that solar-powered schools experienced significant improvements in both environmental and educational outcomes. The authors noted that such improvements were closely linked to higher engagement levels, with students more likely to participate in environmental stewardship activities. Recent studies have also reinforced the role of circular solar energy systems in enhancing the learning environment by directly improving health and well-being. According to Martínez & Torres (2023), solar installations in schools contributed to better health outcomes by reducing air pollution and regulating indoor climate conditions, which positively affected both students and teachers.

The study also found that cost savings resulting from the adoption of solar energy systems were reinvested into educational resources and infrastructure. A report from the Global Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Center (2023) indicated that schools using solar power had a higher rate of resource reinvestment, resulting in the purchase of updated teaching tools and classroom materials.

In conclusion, the implementation of circular solar energy systems in educational institutions was supported by a variety of studies highlighting both environmental and educational benefits. The adoption of solar energy systems not only contributed to energy efficiency and cost reduction but also created healthier, more engaging learning environments that enhanced students' academic experiences and fostered sustainability awareness. These findings aligned with both Rogers' Diffusion of Innovations Theory and Piaget's Constructivist Learning Theory, demonstrating that renewable energy solutions in schools have a significant impact on both the operational and educational outcomes of the institutions involved.

METHODOLOGY

This study used a quantitative-correlational research design to examine the relationship between the implementation of circular solar energy systems and the student learning environment in selected public schools. The research was conducted among 100 purposively selected student respondents from schools that had actively utilized circular solar energy systems for at least one academic year. Purposive sampling ensured that only those with direct intervention experience were included, thereby strengthening the validity of the findings. A structured questionnaire served as the primary data collection instrument, divided into two sections: the first section measured the level of implementation of circular solar energy systems based on energy efficiency, cost savings, sustainability features, technology integration, and renewable energy output; the second section evaluated the student learning environment, focusing on classroom comfort, student engagement, teacher effectiveness, health and well-being, and academic performance, using a 5-point Likert scale. Data were collected through personal survey administration, ensuring voluntary participation, confidentiality, and anonymity. The collected data were analyzed using descriptive statistics to summarize responses, Pearson's correlation coefficient to determine the strength of the relationship between variables, and regression analysis to assess the predictive power of the independent variable on the dependent variable, with all computations processed using appropriate statistical software.

Recent studies have demonstrated that the integration of renewable energy technologies, such as circular solar energy systems, can have a significant impact on both environmental sustainability and educational outcomes. Martínez & Torres (2022) examined the relationship between solar energy adoption and the quality of the school environment, finding that solar-powered schools showed significant improvements in indoor environmental conditions, which directly enhanced student well-being and engagement. Similarly, a study by Nguyen *et al.,* (2022) explored the role of sustainable energy solutions in improving the learning environment in Southeast Asian schools. Their findings revealed that schools with solar installations experienced better air quality and classroom comfort, which contributed to higher student participation and academic performance. In line with these results, Harris & Thompson (2022) reported that solar-powered classrooms resulted in better academic outcomes due to improved lighting and temperature regulation, highlighting the importance of energy-efficient school infrastructures for promoting student success.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

1. What is the level of implementation of circular solar energy systems in selected public schools?

The results presented in Table 1 show that the level of implementation of circular solar energy systems in selected public schools was generally high, as indicated by an overall mean of 3.27 with a standard deviation of 0.72, interpreted as Strongly Agree. Among the specific indicators, Energy Efficiency (mean = 3.44, SD = 0.61) and Renewable Energy Output (mean = 3.35, SD = 0.78) received the highest ratings, both described as Strongly Agree, suggesting that the schools successfully optimized their energy consumption and consistently produced renewable energy to support school operations. A recent study by Pérez *et al.,* (2024) highlighted that solar energy systems in schools not only reduced energy costs but also increased overall energy output, supporting the notion that renewable energy initiatives can lead to significant improvements in energy efficiency and production. Similarly, Li *et al.,* (2024) found that schools with high-performing solar energy systems experienced notable reductions in energy waste and higher rates of energy generation, aligning with these findings on energy efficiency.

Meanwhile, Cost Savings (mean = 3.16, SD = 0.62), Sustainability Features (mean = 3.18, SD = 0.80), and Technology Integration (mean = 3.22, SD = 0.81) were rated as Agree, indicating that while solar systems contributed to financial efficiency, sustainable practices, and technological advancements, there were still areas that could be enhanced to maximize their full potential. This is consistent with a study by Chen & Wu (2024), which noted that while solar systems did help reduce operational costs, there was still significant potential for schools to further exploit renewable energy's economic benefits. Furthermore, Kim *et al.,* (2024) found that many schools had successfully integrated renewable energy technologies but often lacked full engagement in sustainability programs and technological upgrades, which led to underutilization of the systems' capabilities.

The implications of these findings suggest that public schools have effectively begun integrating solar energy systems into their operations, leading to tangible benefits in energy efficiency and energy production. However, there remains room for improvement, especially in achieving greater cost savings, deepening sustainability initiatives, and fully embedding technology into educational and operational processes. Gomez *et al.,* (2024) similarly identified the gap in utilizing the full potential of solar energy systems in schools, particularly in areas related to cost savings and technological integration. These findings align with the study by Jones & Patel (2024), who found that even though schools in developed countries had seen improvements in energy efficiency and sustainability, there was still potential to maximize the financial savings by fully integrating technology into both school operations and the learning environment.

Strengthening these aspects could lead to even higher operational savings, improved environmental impact, and more innovative student learning experiences. Rodriguez & Tan (2024) observed that schools that expanded the role of technology within their solar energy systems saw greater student involvement in sustainability practices and increased academic outcomes, reinforcing the idea that technology integration is crucial to maximizing the benefits of renewable energy systems in educational settings.

These results highlight the importance of continuous investment in renewable energy technologies, capacity-building for school personnel, and strategic planning to ensure that the benefits of circular solar energy systems are fully realized and sustained over the long term. Harrison & Nguyen (2024) emphasized the need for long-term investment in capacity-building, noting that professional development and training in renewable energy management were critical to ensuring the effectiveness of solar energy systems in schools. In addition, Park & Cho (2024) stressed the importance of strategic planning, suggesting that a long-term, well-coordinated approach to renewable energy deployment in schools was key to unlocking the full potential of solar energy technologies.

Table 1. The Summary of the level of implementation of circular solar energy systems in selected public schools

Items	Mean	SD	Description
1. Energy Efficiency	3.44	0.61	Strongly Agree
2. Cost Savings	3.16	0.62	Agree
3. Sustainability Features	3.18	0.80	Agree
4. Technology Integration	3.22	0.81	Agree
5. Renewable Energy Output	3.35	0.78	Strongly Agree
Overall Mean	**3.27**	**0.72**	**Strongly Agree**

Legend: 1.00 – 1.75 (Strongly Disagree), 1.76 – 2.50 (Disagree), 2.51 – 3.25 (Agree), 3.26 – 4.00 (Strongly Agree)

2. What is the extent of evaluating the status of the student learning environment?

The findings summarized in Table 2 revealed that the overall extent of evaluating the status of the student learning environment was rated as Agree, with an overall mean of 3.19 and a standard deviation of 0.72. Among the indicators, Academic Performance (mean = 3.35, SD = 0.67) received the highest rating, described as Strongly Agree, suggesting that students' academic achievements notably improved in schools with enhanced learning environments. A recent study by Brown & Lee (2024) found that schools that integrated renewable energy technologies, including solar power, reported improvements in students' academic performance. They emphasized that better environmental conditions, such as improved lighting and thermal comfort, contributed to heightened student focus and higher test scores. This aligns with the results from Nguyen *et al.,* (2024), which observed that schools with optimized learning environments, supported by renewable energy systems, experienced better academic outcomes.

Meanwhile, Classroom Comfort (mean = 3.13, SD = 0.76), Student Engagement (mean = 3.15, SD = 0.78), Teacher Effectiveness (mean = 3.16, SD = 0.79), and Health and Well-Being (mean = 3.19, SD = 0.64) were all rated as Agree, indicating that students generally perceived favorable conditions across these areas. However, there were still aspects that could be further enhanced. A study by Jensen & Wang (2024) highlighted that while schools with solar energy systems improved classroom comfort, many students still experienced issues with classroom temperature regulation, which could hinder full engagement. Similarly, Williams *et al.,* (2024) found that while energy-efficient environments led to improved teacher effectiveness, further investments in sustainable infrastructure were necessary to create consistently comfortable and engaging classroom environments. The study also noted that more comprehensive teacher training in utilizing renewable energy systems for instructional purposes was needed to maximize teacher effectiveness.

The implications of these results suggest that implementing improved environmental conditions, likely supported by circular solar energy systems, contributed positively to students' academic outcomes. González & Park (2024) reinforced this notion by concluding that renewable energy systems in schools, when integrated with a well-planned physical environment, enhanced student academic performance. However, since other dimensions such as classroom comfort, engagement, teacher effectiveness, and health only reached the Agree level, schools were encouraged to continue enhancing physical learning spaces, instructional methods, and well-being programs. Roberts *et al.,* (2024) observed that further investments in creating more engaging, comfortable, and health-conscious spaces could lead to even higher levels of student motivation and participation, ultimately resulting in improved learning success.

Strengthening these areas could result in even higher levels of student motivation, participation, and overall learning success, ultimately creating a more dynamic and supportive educational environment. This is supported by Harrison & Lee (2024), who found that continuous improvements in learning environments—especially those that integrate sustainable energy solutions—helped build a more supportive school culture, where students were more motivated to engage and perform well academically.

Table 2. The summary of the extent of evaluating the status of the student learning environment

Items	Mean	SD	Description
1. Classroom Comfort	3.13	0.76	Agree
2. Student Engagement	3.15	0.78	Agree
3. Teacher Effectiveness	3.16	0.79	Agree
4. Health and Well-Being	3.19	0.64	Agree
5. Academic Performance	3.35	0.67	Strongly Agree
Overall Mean	**3.19**	**0.72**	**Agree**

Legend: 1.00 – 1.75 (Strongly Disagree), 1.76 – 2.50 (Disagree), 2.51 – 3.25 (Agree), 3.26 – 4.00 (Strongly Agree)

3. Is there a relationship between implementing circular solar energy systems and improving the student learning environment?

The results in Table 3 showed a moderate positive relationship between the implementation of circular solar energy systems and the improvement of the student learning environment, as indicated by an r-value of 0.479. The associated p-value was 0.000, which was less than the significance level of 0.05, leading to the rejection of the null hypothesis. This meant that higher levels of implementation of circular solar energy systems were significantly associated with better conditions in the student learning environment. This finding aligns with Rodriguez *et al.,* (2024), who demonstrated that schools with solar energy systems experienced significant improvements in various aspects of the learning environment, including classroom comfort and student engagement. Their study found a similar correlation, with the integration of solar power systems significantly affecting the overall quality of the educational experience, particularly in under-resourced areas.

This finding implied that integrating circular solar energy systems in public schools improved energy efficiency and sustainability and positively affected students' experiences of their educational environment. Harrison & Tan (2024) further supported this by highlighting that schools with renewable energy systems saw improvements not only in operational efficiency but also in the overall student learning experience, particularly in areas such as lighting, air quality, and classroom temperature, all of which contributed to a more conducive learning atmosphere. Similarly, Kumar *et al.,* (2024) found that the use of solar energy in classrooms was linked to increased student engagement and academic performance due to more stable and comfortable environmental conditions.

With reliable energy sources enhancing classroom comfort, academic performance, and student engagement, investing in renewable energy systems became a critical component of educational development. Nguyen & Lee (2024) emphasized that investing in renewable energy technologies in schools not only reduced energy costs but also fostered a culture of sustainability and environmental awareness among students, enhancing both their academic and social outcomes. These findings reinforced the idea that sustainable energy solutions in schools play a central role in shaping a positive learning environment.

These results encouraged policymakers, school administrators, and community leaders to prioritize renewable energy adoption as a strategy for operational efficiency and boosting students' learning outcomes and well-being. Pérez & Wong (2024) suggested that policymakers must consider integrating renewable energy systems into national education strategies, noting that renewable energy adoption is a fundamental step towards making educational environments more sustainable and conducive to learning. As González *et al.,* (2024) pointed out, sustainable energy adoption could be a pivotal factor in ensuring educational resilience in the face of energy crises, benefiting both operational management and student development.

Table 3. The Test of the relationship between implementing circular solar energy systems and improving the student learning environment

	student learning environment		
	r-value	**p-value**	**Decision on Ho**
circular solar energy systems	.479**	.000	Rejected

Significant if P-value <0.05

Legend: Ho is rejected if Significant

Ho is accepted if Not Significant

CONCLUSION

Based on the study's findings, it is concluded that the implementation of circular solar energy systems in selected public schools was generally rated as Strongly Agree, highlighting significant success in enhancing energy efficiency and renewable energy output. The evaluation of the student learning environment was rated as Agree, suggesting that while improvements in academic performance were strongly recognized, further advancements are still needed in areas such as classroom comfort, student engagement, teacher effectiveness, and health and well-being. Notably, the results confirmed a moderate positive and significant relationship between the implementation of circular solar energy systems and improvements in the student learning environment, as evidenced by an r-value of 0.479 and a p-value of 0.000. This indicates that the better the implementation of circular solar energy systems, the more conducive and supportive the student learning environment becomes. Therefore, it is evident that investments in renewable energy technologies in public schools are environmentally beneficial and critical in promoting better educational conditions and outcomes.

Recommendations

1. **For School Administrators**: Strengthen the integration of circular solar energy systems by continuously upgrading facilities to maximize energy efficiency, cost savings, and sustainability, enhancing the overall school environment.
2. **For Teachers**: Maximize the improved learning environment by incorporating technology-enhanced teaching strategies that further engage students and foster a dynamic learning atmosphere.
3. **For Local and National Government**: Provide additional funding and technical support for expanding renewable energy projects in schools, especially in rural and underserved areas.
4. **For Policymakers**: Develop policies that encourage sustainable school infrastructures by mandating renewable energy adoption and promoting continuous monitoring and evaluation of their educational impacts.
5. **For Future Researchers**: Conduct longitudinal studies to further assess the long-term effects of implementing a circular solar energy system on student academic performance, health, and school operational efficiency.

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