

ENERGY AND WATER CONSERVATION

The Governing Board is committed to reducing the district's demand for electricity, natural gas and water in order to help conserve natural resources and to save money to support other district needs. To that end, the Board shall establish goals to help reduce the district's energy and water consumption.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish an energy efficiency program which shall include specific strategies designed to help the district use energy more efficiently and to help ensure that funds intended for student learning are not diverted to cover energy costs.

As part of the energy efficiency program, the Superintendent or designee shall develop an emergency action plan to address actions to be taken in the event of power outages in schools, both during and after school operations. The action plan shall also address the role of staff, students and parents/guardians in helping to conserve resources and other activities to help the district meet energy reduction goals.

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly inspect district facilities and operations and make recommendations for maintenance and capital expenditures which may help the district reach its energy and water conservation goals.

The implementation of this policy is the joint responsibility of the board members, administrators, teachers, students and support personnel and its success is based on cooperation at all levels.

The District will maintain accurate records of energy consumption and cost of energy and will provide information to the Board on the district's progress of the energy conservation program.

Judicious use of the various energy systems of each campus will be the joint responsibility of the principal and head custodian to ensure that an efficient energy posture is maintained on a daily basis.

The Superintendent or designee shall make every effort to identify funding opportunities and cost-reducing incentive programs to help the district achieve its conservation goals.

The Superintendent or designee shall periodically report to the Board on the district's progress in meeting energy and water use reduction goals.

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