

SUBJECT: ENERGY CONSERVATION IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Board of Education recognizes the importance of energy conservation and is committed to the analysis, development, and initiation of conservation measures throughout the District for the purpose of reducing energy consumption, particularly in these times of declining levels of natural energy resources and increasing cost of these resources. The Board maintains an aggressive and responsible program to reduce consumption of energy by its facilities and to provide education to both staff and students on the conservation of energy.

The Board of Education is committed to an energy conservation program that addresses not only capital-related energy projects but ongoing, day-to-day energy related issues as well. All staff are urged to participate actively in a program of energy conservation by assisting in the efforts to eliminate the wasteful use of energy in the operation of the School District's buildings. Cooperation will be essential from each employee and student to achieve a meaningful energy conservation program that results in a more efficient use of energy resources.

Energy Manager

The Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds is designated as the Energy Manager of the School District and he/she shall report directly to the Superintendent, or his/her designee, on matters pertaining to energy conservation.

Minimum Indoor Air Temperature

The District will comply with the Property Maintenance Code of New York State, part of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code, which requires that indoor occupiable work spaces be maintained at a minimum temperature of sixty-five (65) degrees from September 14 to May 31 during the period the spaces are occupied. There are exceptions for areas of vigorous physical activities such as gymnasiums as well as processing spaces such as coolers or freezers. However, by law, code or regulation there is no maximum temperature specified. Ventilation requirements only require fresh air, not cool air-conditioning.

Long-Range Considerations

The energy conservation program is an important factor to be considered in planning effective use of school facilities, new construction, remodeling or rehabilitation programs, and modernization projects.

Environmental Conservation Law Sections 27-2101- 27-2117
General Municipal Law Section 120-aa
19 New York State Code of Rules and Regulations (NYCRR) Sections 1221-1228 and
Section 1240
Energy Conservation Code of New York State 2007

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