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7460 - CONSERVATION OF NATURAL AND MATERIAL RESOURCES

Purpose

The Board recognizes the need to manage costs of energy resources, explore opportunities to conserve energy usage, and to explore use of renewable and sustainable energy resources. The District implements strategies which:

~~The purpose of this policy is to reduce energy consumption, and improve energy efficiency throughout the D.C. Everest Area School District without compromising the educational mission. This is to be accomplished by developing an aggressive and progressive approach for efficiency energy use. This document details steps that will be taken to address these issues and reach the energy efficiency goals of the District. This policy will be reviewed and updated periodically as public awareness, management techniques and technologies change.~~

- A. will conserve all forms of energy used;
- B. ensure proper recycling provide for the separation of recyclable or of reusable materials from other refuse;
- C. evaluate energy conservation and efficiency measures available in facilities' projects, including construction, renovation, or maintenance projects;
- D. evaluate the efficacy of alternative energy vehicles when purchased for District use, to include consideration of CNG or EV powered vehicles.

The District's efforts in energy conservation will prioritize sustainable energy when available at comparable long-term cost. ~~[END OF OPTION]~~ All such considerations must balance the value of energy efficiency, conservation, and renewable energy source usage with the needs of the District both fiscally and programmatically.

Goals:

- A. ~~Reduce energy costs, eliminate waste, and conserve energy resources by using energy efficient and cost effective technology.~~
- B. ~~Incorporate energy efficiency into the decision-making process during the design and acquisition of facilities, equipment and transportation systems. Emphasize the use of renewable energy sources.~~
- C. ~~Increase energy efficiency through capital investment and improved operations.~~
- D. ~~Increase energy efficiency through improved scheduling and proper utilizations of the spaces.~~
- E. ~~Establish partnerships with government and outside organizations to provide technical assistance and to share costs on energy conserving initiatives to the extent possible.~~

- ~~F. Recognize and promote individual and organizational achievements in conserving energy, advancing campus and departmental energy policy, and obtaining monetary savings.~~

The Board of Education directs the Superintendent to develop and implement both immediate and long-range plans to evaluate District energy usage and needs and, where appropriate, propose measures to reduce such usage consistent with programming needs. It expects that the administrative guidelines and procedures established will be properly observed by all members of the staff and strongly supported both in the educational program and in staff interactions with students.

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