

ENERGY MANAGEMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

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Description:

In order to achieve the goals established by the Board, the Superintendent will establish an energy management plan. The group creating this plan will be the Secretary Treasurer, the Director of Operations, a Director of Instruction, and the Facilities Manager. The primary purpose of the energy management plan will be to provide targets that are established annually. At the same time the group will maintain a strategic, three-year plan that will prepare for larger projects and associated budget requirements.

The Secretary Treasurer will work with the Facilities Manager to anticipate the budget required for annual and/or multi-year, energy saving initiatives. The Secretary-Treasurer will propose the required budget to the Board for approval and will oversee the completion of the initiatives. The Secretary-Treasurer will report to the Board annually the status of the energy management plan.

The *Director of Instruction* will communicate the District's Energy Management Plan to Principals, and the Board's expectations. The Director of Instruction will work with Principals to enable the work of the energy management plan within schools.

The Director of Operations and District Facilities Manager will:

- will be responsible for identifying areas where savings can be developed and will generate recommendation that shape the energy management plan. They will keep the program visible, relevant and responsive;
- work with the Secretary Treasurer to establish the plan and budget required to carry forward the initiatives within the energy management plan;
- develop energy management initiatives and procedures for all facilities;
- develop maintenance priorities and practices to achieve reductions in energy consumption;
- establish construction and renovation practices that maximize savings in energy consumption;
- establish purchasing practices that maximize savings in energy consumption and eliminates the use of toxic or harmful products to the environment;
- develop quarterly audits of energy consumption and report to the energy management group, describing the progress toward meeting targets within the plan;
- communicate to the operational staff what the District targets are;
- assist schools in the development of energy-saving practices and foster a culture of environmental stewardship.

The Director of Instruction will:

- work with Principals to support and promote school based initiatives that will conserve energy, and report those to the Director of Instruction
- support classroom teachers to facilitate learning and project development in schools to study environmental issues and sustainable environments;
- promote waste reduction in schools;
- foster a district wide culture of environmental stewardship;
- champion the connection between energy conservation and the benefit to the environment.

All staff will be encouraged to participate in identifying strategies that will contribute to reducing the energy consumed or innovative strategies for reducing waste and reporting them to their supervisor.