

ENERGY MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION

The Holmdel Township Board of Education embraces energy conservation. We believe our responsibility to conserve energy and natural resources complements our responsibility for sound financial management in the context of the Board's highest responsibility – namely to all our students for excellence in their education.

We recognize the importance of adopting an energy management and conservation policy in order to govern this program. We also affirm the implementation of this policy will be the joint responsibility of the Board, administration, faculty, staff, and students. Success is based on cooperation.

Accurate records of energy consumption and cost of energy will be maintained for each school and building and will provide verifiable performance information to the Board and administrations on the goals and progress of the energy conservation program.

The designated school principal or building administrator will be accountable for energy management on his/her school or building with energy audits being conducted and feedback provided by Energy Educator-Manager teams.

To ensure the overall success of the energy management program, the following specific areas of emphasis will be adopted:

1. The district will administer its energy conservation and management program primarily through Energy Educator-Manager teams and administrators.
2. The Board expects all personnel at each school/building to make a positive contribution to energy conservation and produce real energy savings.
3. "Energy Guidelines" will be adopted that define the "rules of engagement" in implementing our energy program consistent with the needs of all users.

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Further, to promote a safe, healthy learning environment and to complement the energy management program, the manager responsible for each school or building shall review and adhere to the preventive maintenance and monitoring plan administered by the school/building physical plant for its facilities and systems, including HVAC, building envelope, and moisture management.

Whereas the Board bears responsibility for overseeing the operations and fiscal accountability of each school and building under its governance; and,

Whereas the Board embraces energy conservation and the resulting economies and desires to be a leader in energy management and conservation as part of our social responsibility to respect our natural resources; and,

Whereas the Board has identified energy management and conservation resources to develop and implement a comprehensive, people-based conservation program across the district,

Therefore, the Board directs the district administrators to develop and implement short- and long-range strategies to conserve energy in a manner consistent with excellence in the environment we manage for each student's education and our staff's supporting operations.

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