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## ENERGY MANAGEMENT CONSERVATION POLICY

As the School Committee of the Chicopee Public Schools, we believe it to be our responsibility to ensure that every effort is made to conserve energy and natural resources while exercising sound financial management.

The implementation of this policy is the joint responsibility of the committee 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 local media on the goals and progress of the energy conservation program.

The principal will be accountable for energy Management on his/her campus with energy audits being conducted and conservation program outlines being updated. 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.

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

1. All district personnel will be expected to contribute to energy efficiency in our district. Every person will be expected to be an “energy saver” as well as an “energy consumer.”
2. Energy management on his/her campus will be made a part of the principal’s annual evaluation.
3. Within sixty (60) days, administrative Energy Guidelines will be adopted that will be the “rules of the game” in implementing our energy program.

Further, to maintain a safer and healthier learning environment and to complement the energy management program, the district shall develop and implement a preventive maintenance and monitoring plan for its facilities and systems, including HVAC, building envelope, and moisture management.

Therefore, the School Committee of the Chicopee Public Schools directs the superintendent and/or his/her agents to develop short and long range strategies in the areas of facilities management and preventive maintenance.

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2nd reading: Reg SC Mtg 9/6/06

*\*Please refer to Guidelines (Energy Conservation and Building Management) (File: E8.1) located in the Chicopee Public Schools Procedures Manual.*