

Policy 3511: Energy And Water Management

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The Board of Trustees is committed to reducing the district's demand for electricity and water in order to help conserve natural resources and to save money to support other district needs. To that end, the Board shall establish goals to help reduce the district's energy and water consumption.

The Superintendent or his/her designee shall establish an energy efficiency program which shall include specific strategies designed to help the district use energy more efficiently and to help ensure that funds intended for student learning are not diverted to cover energy costs.

As part of the energy efficiency program, the Superintendent or his/her designee shall develop an emergency action plan to address actions to be taken in the event of power outages in schools, both during and after school operations. The action plan shall also address the role of staff, students and parents/guardians in helping to conserve resources and other activities to help the district meet energy reduction goals.

(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)

(cf. 3516.5 - Emergency Schedules)

The Superintendent or his/her designee shall analyze the effect of a utility rate increase on the district's budget. He/she shall develop and implement any necessary contingency plans.

(cf. 3100 - Budget)

The Superintendent or his/her designee shall regularly inspect district facilities and operations and make recommendations for maintenance and capital expenditures which may help the district reach its energy and water conservation goals.

(cf. 7111 - Evaluating Existing Buildings)

The Superintendent or his/her designee shall make every effort to identify funding opportunities and cost-reducing incentive programs to help the district achieve its conservation goals.

The Superintendent or his/her designee shall periodically report to the Board on the district's progress in meeting energy and water use reduction goals.

Conservation of Water Resources

The Board recognizes its responsibility to conserve the water resources of the school district as well as the community. The district lies within a semi-arid environment in which the majority of its water is imported. Sensitivity to the use and conservation of this natural resource is important both environmentally and financially to the school district.
