

### **Energy and Sustainable Management**

The District recognizes that energy and resource management is the primary and most important step toward fostering a sustainable future. Conservation and efficient use will result in getting the most value out of every single unit of energy, water, materials, or other resources used. Proactive management of energy and resources will help ensure that educational programs and support services can be effectively delivered while both conserving energy and saving resource dollars.

Optimizing existing funding sources through effective energy and sustainable management is a priority. Therefore, the District will implement energy and resource management measures to help control rising costs, enhance comfort and safety, reduce environmental impact, increase the value and performance of its buildings, and ensure the long-term sustainability of the District.

### **Energy and Sustainable Management Process**

The district accepts responsibility for developing and enforcing programs and procedures for energy conservation and sustainable resource management which demonstrate respect for our environment. District leadership will encourage administration, employees, students, and volunteers to be informed and to act as “smart savers” as well as “wise consumers” in the district and the community; success in this effort will require cooperation at all levels.

The Buildings and Grounds Department will develop and recommend district-wide procedures and guidelines to facilitate energy conservation and sustainable management goals, programs, training, education, software applications, and capital improvement projects. Objectives:

- Reduce or eliminate energy and resource waste to help maintain safe, healthy, and durable learning environments.
- Decrease expenditures through energy and resource cost savings, utility rebates, energy source purchasing plans, and renovate or construct facilities to optimize the use of energy and resources.
- Maintain accurate records of energy and water consumption by facility and their associated costs.
- Evaluate and report energy conservation and sustainable management progress.
- Assess and analyze energy and resource performance and capital improvement projects.
- Set energy conservation and sustainable management goals.
- Work with architects and design teams in evaluating potential energy conservation strategies for new and renovated building projects during the design and construction processes.
- Encourage energy conservation and resource management understanding among staff and among students at all grade levels.
- Assist implementation of energy conservation and sustainable management action plan(s).

- Recognize energy and sustainable management achievements.
- Comply with applicable local, state, and federal guidelines.
- Consider USGBC LEED practices for healthier, more productive places, and reduced stress on the environment by encouraging energy and resource-efficient buildings.
- Partner with local utilities to explore rebate programs that are available to the district.