

## ENERGY MANAGEMENT CONSERVATION

As the School Committee of the Wareham Public Schools, we believe it to be our responsibility to insure 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 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 in his/her buildings with energy audits being conducted and conservation program outlines being updated. Judicious use of the various energy systems of each building 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. Every student and employee 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. All unnecessary lighting in unoccupied areas will be turned off. All lights will be turned off when students and teachers leave school. Custodians will turn on lights only in the areas in which they are working.
3. Energy management in his/her building will be the responsibility of the building principal.
4. The head/lead custodian will be responsible for a complete and total shutdown of the facility when closed each evening.

**Whereas** the School Committee bears responsibility for the best use of tax dollar, and

**Whereas** public education can provide leadership in developing a realistic energy ethic and awareness of energy needs and costs,

**Therefore**, the School Committee of Wareham Public Schools directs the superintendent and/or his/her agents to develop short and long-range strategies in the areas of facilities management and curriculum development dealing with energy awareness and conservation.

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