

INFORMATION ENERGY CONSERVATION AND CONSUMPTION

The Peru Central School District Board of Education recognizes the increasing importance of energy and water conservation, coupled with reduced consumption of off-campus energy resources. The Board is committed to the analysis, development and periodic strengthening of energy conservation measures throughout school district facilities, programs and support operations. The specific intent of such conservation measures is to reduce consumption of energy on the consolidated central campus while contributing to community-wide energy conservation efforts.

One purpose of this policy is to clearly communicate that energy conservation is to be a focus of operations planning and facilities maintenance, while sustaining the district's mission to provide a child-centered environment. In support of providing a child-centered environment, the buildings & grounds function is tasked with striving to maintain temperature in program spaces during school hours be in the range of 66F-70F, consistent with State Education Department planning standards. 68F is to be the target temperature for each program space.

Principals and operations supervisors are to include reference to this policy, at least annually, at staff meetings, as part of in-service training and promoting habits of mind and work that advance energy conservation.

Developing and promoting strategies to reduce school district consumption of off-campus energy resources is to be a part of goal setting and progress reporting among support operations supervisors.

Recommendations for any capital expenditures that advance cost- efficiency and energy conservation are to be included with each five-year buildings conditions survey and associated Board-staff level review processes. The Superintendent of Schools is to request the school district's architectural firm include energy conservation and reduced consumption of off-campus energy resources among identified priorities for longer-term stewardship and sustainability of programs and services.

Part of district safety planning is to include contingency planning in response to energy shortages.

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