

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Millburn Public Schools

INFORMATION ITEM

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To: Board of Education Members

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Subject: First Reading-Resource Conservation-4:70

This policy is updated from a "will use" list to managing a program including 4 listed components and interestingly enough, some of the points are including phrasing such as "if economically feasible" or "if practically feasible."

We ask that you use this as your first reading period and then put this on the next BOE meeting agenda for a second reading and approval.

Operational Services

Resource Conservation ¹

The Superintendent or designee shall manage a program of energy and resource conservation for the District that includes:

1. Periodic review of procurement procedures and specifications to ensure that purchased products and supplies are reusable, durable, or made from recycled materials, if economically and practically feasible. ²
2. Purchasing recycled paper and paper products in amounts that will, at a minimum, meet the specifications in The School Code, if economically and practically feasible. ³
3. Periodic review of procedures on the reduction of solid waste generated by academic, administrative, and other institutional functions. These procedures shall: (a) require recycling the District's waste stream, including landscape waste, computer paper, and white office paper, if economically and practically feasible; (b) include investigation of the feasibility of potential markets for other recyclable materials that are present in the District's waste stream; and (c) be designed to achieve, before July 1, 2020, at least a 50% reduction in the amount of solid waste that is generated by the District. ⁴
4. Adherence to energy conservation measures. ⁵

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-20.19c.

CROSS REF.: 4:60 (Purchases and Contracts), 4:150 (Facility Management and Building Programs)

The footnotes are not intended to be part of the adopted policy; they should be removed before the policy is adopted.

¹ State or federal law controls this policy's content (105 ILCS 5/10-20.19c, as amended by P.A. 95-741).

² Required by 105 ILCS 5/10-20.19c(a-5), as amended by P.A. 95-741.

³ Required by 105 ILCS 5/10-20.19c(b) - (e), as amended by P.A. 95-741. As of 1992, all paper purchased for publishing student newspapers must be recycled newsprint (105 ILCS 5/10-20.19c(b)(5)).

⁴ Required by 105 ILCS 5/10-20.19c(e-5), as amended by P.A. 95-741. Everything in this paragraph is mandatory except that the statute only "encourages" districts to investigate "potential markets for other recyclable materials that are present in the school district's waste stream."

⁵ Districts are authorized to enter into "guaranteed energy savings contracts" to implement "energy conservation measures," including any improvement, repair, alteration of any school district building, or any equipment or fixture to be added to a district building, that is designed to reduce energy consumption or operation costs (105 ILCS 5/19b). The guaranteed energy savings contract must provide that all payments are to be made over time and energy cost savings must be specified and guaranteed to the extent necessary to pay the costs of the energy conservation measures. State law provides the process for requesting proposals and entering into contracts. Any contract is valid whether or not funding has been appropriated in any budget adopted by the board.

Operational Services

Resource Conservation

The School District will conserve energy resources by:

- full utilization of materials prior to disposal;
- limited use of disposable materials;
- limited use of non-biodegradable products;
- participation in recycling programs;
- adherence to energy conservation measures.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-20.19c.

ADOPTED: May 20, 2002