

ENERGY CONSERVATION

The Ledyard Board of Education believes that it is the joint responsibility of Board members, staff, and students to ensure that every effort is made to conserve energy and natural resources in order to preserve the environment and exercise sound financial management.

As the Board of Education bears responsibility for the efficient use of tax dollars, and as public schools can provide leadership in developing a realistic energy ethic and awareness of energy needs and costs, the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent and/or his designees to develop short and long-range strategies in the areas of facilities management and curriculum development related to energy awareness and conservation. Such strategies shall include:

- Turning off all unnecessary lighting in unoccupied spaces.
- Turning off all classroom lighting after school hours except for spaces in which custodians are working or in spaces where activities are occurring after hours with the approval of the building administrator.
- Turning down building heating settings during weekends and school holidays.
- Turning off computers (except file servers), monitors, copy machines, laminators, and other electrical equipment at the end of each working day.
- Turning off outside lighting during the hours of daylight except where such lighting is deemed necessary for personal safety.
- Participating in state, federal, or utility sponsored energy conservation programs that are financially responsible and will provide measurable energy conservation results.
- Using energy efficient appliances in new construction or facility renovation projects and when replacing failed equipment.

The Superintendent will ensure that accurate records of energy consumption and cost are maintained on each district facility and will provide that information to the Board when requested.

Every student and employee is expected to contribute to energy efficiency in our district. Every person is expected to be an “energy saver” as well as an “energy consumer.”