



## The School District U-46 Energy Conservation Program

Have you heard about the Energy Conservation Program approved by the Board of Education? U-46 spends nearly \$5 million a year on natural gas, electricity and water. This conservation program, which includes a partnership with energy advisor Cenergistic, is expected to result in a savings of \$800,000 in the first year alone. But you probably also want to know how this will affect you. The District has created an Energy Conservation Guidelines document, and here are some of the most important items for you to know:

### Highlights:

- Each person is expected to become an “Energy Saver.”
- Each school building in the District will be participating.
- A copy of the complete guidelines document will be posted at each school office and administrative office.
- Each staff member should follow the guide while he or she is in a District building.
- Buildings are responsible for control of common areas, i.e. halls, commons rooms, gyms, lighting in all external areas.
- Temperature guidelines for heating and cooling are set to ensure comfort for class time and scheduled activities, according to industry standards.
  - Cooling season occupied set point range: 73°F, +/- 2°
    - Unoccupied set point: 85°F, +/- 2°
  - Heating season occupied set point range: 70°F, +/- 2°
    - Unoccupied set point: 55°F, +/- 2°
- For comfort issues, please have your school office submit a work order through the School Dude work order.
- Turn off office machines, computers and peripherals — except network equipment, security, and building controlling computers — at night and during unoccupied times, or when not in use for extended periods during the day.
- Use natural lighting when appropriate.
- Unnecessary lighting in unoccupied areas should be turned off.
- Report any equipment issues or leaks for immediate repair through a School Dude work order.
- A detailed set of guidelines will be provided to all principals, maintenance and custodial staff.
- You will continue to receive information on this program through your District email, via the U-46 website and in CEO Sanders’ Weekly Message to staff.

### Why Are We Doing This?

The Board of Education wants to ensure the best possible learning environment for our children. Conserving energy and improving comfort is vital. By saving energy dollars, we are good stewards of our financial and natural resources. We’re saving money to use toward our primary mission “Academic Success for All.” For any questions about this program, please call Rich Ramos at ext. 5062.