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Environment**1. Environmental Practices****1.1 Purchasing**

- (a) Where feasible, products shall be purchased that are manufactured from recycled materials.
- (b) Where products are similar in function, the one that is the least harmful to the environment shall be purchased.

1.2 Waste Management

- (a) The district shall endeavour to substantially reduce paper waste wherever possible.
- (b) The district shall foster environmental practices based on the concepts: "reduce, reuse, recycle".
- (c) Where feasible, waste products shall be recycled.
- (d) The district shall encourage the participation of staff, students, and parents in the recycling program.
- (e) The Administrative Officers for each school will develop a recycling procedure for their school.

1.3 Facilities Management

- (a) The district shall practice energy conservation in the operation of all facilities and equipment.
- (b) The district shall use, where feasible, environmentally friendly products for all facilities, equipment and grounds.

2. Environmental Education**2.1 Integrated Environmental Studies**

- (a) The district shall encourage the use of an environmental theme, at every level, as a focus for integrating existing curriculum.
- (b) The district shall encourage inclusion of environmental education resources in school libraries.

2.2 Environmental Studies

- (a) The district shall encourage the use of locally developed Environmental Studies courses and/or units in schools.

2.3 Environmental Field Trips

- (a) The district shall support learning activities that utilize a wide range of appropriate environmental field trips.

3. Environmental Management

3.1 The district encourages consideration of environmental impact in the planning of all operational and educational programs.

3.2 The district encourages school-based leadership in environmental education at each school.

3.3 The district shall respond to identified environmental education needs as resources permit, including such measures as:

- (a) Providing appropriate environmental resources to schools.
- (b) Providing instructional assistance and in-service to school personnel.
- (c) Coordinating appropriate community-district environmental initiatives.

3.4 The district will endeavour to work with community and government agencies in supporting good environmental practices.