Board Policy EBL: Environmental Programs Status: ADOPTED

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The Board of Public Education for Bibb County ~~Bibb County Board of Education~~ ("Board"), in partnership with the Bibb County School District ("District"), recognizes the responsibility to ensure every effort is made to conserve energy and natural resources while exercising sound fiscal management. The Board further recognizes the importance of environmental stewardship and awareness in supporting safe, healthy learning environments.

The implementation of this policy is the joint responsibility of Board members, administrators, teachers, students, and support personnel through cooperation and collaboration at all levels.

The Board supports the establishment and maintenance of an environmentally conscious ~~school district~~District through the following measures:

1. Support environmental programs, which may include but are not limited to, programs that address energy efficiency, conservation practices, waste reduction, indoor environmental quality, and greenhouse gas reduction.

~~1.~~2. Ensure that all schools have adopted and implemented an energy management plan that may include energy audits and conservation program outlines. Judicious use of the various energy systems of each campus will be the responsibility of the District's energy management division to ensure that an efficient energy posture is maintained ~~daily~~.

~~2.~~3. Develop and implement a District preventative maintenance and monitoring plan for its facilities and systems, including HVAC, building envelope, and water ~~conversation~~ conservation.

4. Support the incorporation of green building concepts for new construction and remodeling projects for schools and administrative buildings that reduce energy and water consumption.

5. Support programs for promoting indoor air quality and greenhouse gas reduction through reasonable practices consistent with Board policies and applicable law.

To ensure the overall success of the energy management program, the following specific areas of emphasis will be adopted:

1. The Superintendent or his or her designee will prepare an energy management plan to implement the District's energy conservation program.

2. All District personnel will be expected to contribute to the system's energy efficiency through adherence to the energy management plan.

The Superintendent or designee is authorized to develop and implement environmental programs consistent with Board policy and applicable law.

The District will strive to maintain accurate records of energy consumption and cost of energy and will provide periodic updates to the Board on the goals and progress of the energy conservation program.

This policy is intended to guide District operations and shall not be interpreted as a guarantee of specific environmental conditions or the creation of duties beyond those required by law.