

Boise School District Collective Commitment on Clean Energy

The Boise School District Board of Trustees recognize the deliberate progress made by the district staff and students to reduce the district's energy consumption and lessen its carbon footprint through recycling programs, energy-smart programs, and environmentally-responsible and energy/resource-efficient practices.

The Board seeks to expand upon those effects and to create healthier, more environmentally sustainable schools, and hereby establishes the following commitments:

1. To purchase and use an energy/sustainable module that ties in with the district's facilities Asset Manager to monitor and proactively prepare to replace existing equipment with more energy-efficient equipment to move the district towards clean energy.
2. To study a transition of the current diesel bus fleet to electrical or other low energy use vehicles.
3. To ensure all new school buildings have the infrastructure of solar capability.
4. To include cost-effective, renewable energy, and sustainability as priorities in its long-term plan for construction or renovation projects, cooking appliances, and purchasing vehicles.
5. To incorporate climate science and sustainability education into district curriculum as well as make academic and career connections between renewable energy and green technologies.
6. To develop strategies and a timetable for additional energy efficiency and renewable energy projects based on the recommendations and use of area subject matter experts.
7. To continue to work with the district sustainability committee which includes community members, students, energy experts and district staff. The charge of this committee is to develop a long-term plan of energy sustainability and clean energy.