

Resolution of the Barrington Public School Committee On Energy Star Equipment and Appliance Purchasing

WHEREAS, schools should employ design, construction and operations strategies that minimize long term operating costs, in particular by minimizing energy and water consumption;

WHEREAS, schools that incorporate sustainable design principles can contribute to local, regional and national efforts to minimize waste, energy use, and air pollution;

WHEREAS, the federal Energy Star program provides a way to easily identify energy efficient products;

WHEREAS, a partial list of equipment covered by the Energy Star program includes computers, monitors, copy machines, water coolers, printers, scanners, refrigerators, and washing machines;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in an effort to conserve energy in the Barrington Public School District, will make every effort when purchasing new equipment and appliances to be used within the district are to be Energy Star compliant, in all product categories covered by ENERGY STAR, as detailed at www.energystar.gov.

This shall be noted in all bid specifications. In addition, the purchase of low efficiency products including incandescent task lights, halogen torchieres and portable electrical resistance heaters, is henceforth prohibited. This includes purchases for all of the following:

- New Schools
- Major Renovation projects
- Phased Renovation projects in accordance with a High Performance Transition Plan
- New Buildings on an Existing Campus
- Additions to an Existing Building
- Prefabricated Classrooms

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