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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to set forth the District's intent to include resource conservation and environmental protection elements within programs it develops and implements.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The District recognizes the importance of conserving non-renewable resources and protecting the environment; therefore, it shall be the policy of Hutchinson Public Schools to include resource conservation, regulatory compliance, and protection of the environment as key elements of its facilities expansion, improvement, and maintenance programs.

The administrator assigned the responsibility for the development or implementation of a program shall assure that resource conservation is maximized and that adverse environmental impact is minimized.

III. ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

It is the intent of Hutchinson Public Schools to fulfill its civic and regulatory obligations by including environmental protection elements as an integral part of the programs it utilizes to expand and operate its physical plant.

Key factors and considerations include, but are not limited to:

1. Energy conservation to reduce electrical and fossil fuel consumption in existing, expanded, or new facilities.
2. Water conservation to reduce consumption.
3. Waste management, reduction, and recycling.
4. Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) compliance.
6. Hazardous materials handling, storage, and disposal compliance.
7. Purchasing considerations for recycled, recyclable, and environmental friendly products.
8. Indoor air quality.

Legal References: MS 123B.56 and MS 123B.57

Cross References: Policies 801, 803, and 809