

ENERGY CONSERVATION

FILE: ECF

TITLE: Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability

POLICY:

- (1) The Superintendent or designee shall develop a resource management program that includes strategies for implementing effective and sustainable resource practices, exploring renewable and clean energy technologies, reducing energy and water consumption, minimizing utility costs, reducing the amount of waste of consumable materials, recycle, and promote sustainable principles through education. The Superintendent or designee shall consider the Return on Investment (“ROI”), environmental impact and costs, and educational impact as factors in planning and decision making.
- (2) The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement an operations and maintenance program for its buildings and facilities that embraces practices for energy conservation, energy cost containment, and revenue enhancements. In addition, it will be the goal to develop new construction or renovation projects that adhere to a sustainability rating system (i.e., Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (“LEED”), Green Globes, or Florida Green Building Coalition (“FGBC”) that best serves the project.
- (3) Whenever possible, the Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with stakeholders, agencies, and other organizations necessary to achieve common objectives which support the community through sound data supported principles.
- (4) The Superintendent or designee shall proactively identify and address emerging environmental issues through behavior modification, educational opportunities, technology, and programmatic approaches.

SPECIFIC AUTHORITY:

Sections 255.2575; 403.7032; 553.886; and 1001.41, Florida Statutes

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