



## **POLICY 7.1965**

**5-G** I recommend that the Board approve development of the proposed **new** Policy 7.1965, entitled “Energy Conservation Incentive Program.”

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### **Development**

### **CONSENT ITEM**

- This policy establishes a monetary incentive program that rewards schools for reducing their energy consumption on a yearly basis. See paragraphs 2.a.1. regarding eligibility, and 2.b.i. regarding top performers category.
- The proposed policy requires the award to be subject to budget approval by the School Board. See paragraph 3.
- A time period for the distribution of any approved funds is provided for in paragraph 4.

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**ENERGY CONSERVATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

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3 1. **Purpose.** – The School District desires to reduce energy use and to be good  
4 stewards of our natural resources, while also reducing expenditures. The District  
5 also desires that schools take an active role in managing energy consumption on  
6 their campuses. In order to achieve these goals, the District is offering a monetary  
7 incentive program that rewards schools for reducing their energy consumption on a  
8 yearly basis.

9 2. **Award Categories**

10 a. **Most Improved Category**

11 i. **Eligibility**

12 A. The school must reduce its energy consumption by at least 5 percent  
13 as compared to the previous fiscal year.

14 B. The school must submit an application to the Green Schools  
15 Recognition Program ([www.ourgreenschools.com](http://www.ourgreenschools.com)); the applications  
16 are due early spring of each year.

17 C. The school must document its efforts to share its energy  
18 conservation strategies with other schools.

19 ii. **Basis of Award**

20 A. Schools will be compared to themselves, using data from the current  
21 versus the previous fiscal year.

22 B. Weather adjustments and changes in campus use (addition of  
23 portables, afterschool programs, leases) will be taken into account.

24 C. The school must submit any changes which could affect energy  
25 usage at the school (e.g., addition or removal of portables, regional  
26 summer school, etc.)

27 D. These schools will receive 15% of the savings.

28 b. **Top Performers Category**

29 i. **Eligibility**

- 30           A. The school must submit an application to the Green Schools  
31           Recognition Program ([www.ourgreenschools.com](http://www.ourgreenschools.com)); the applications  
32           are due in early spring of each year.
- 33           B. The school must have been open for at least one full year.
- 34           C. The school must be at least 50% utilized measuring its February FTE  
35           as compared to its Florida Inventory of School Houses (FISH)  
36           capacity.
- 37           D. The school must document its efforts to share its energy  
38           conservation strategies with other schools.

39           ii. **Basis of Award**

- 40           A. The schools that are in the top 5 percent (rounded up) of the lowest  
41           energy users in the previous fiscal year for the following groups:  
42           elementary, middle, high, and adult/alternative education. These  
43           schools will receive a bonus incentive.

44   3. **Budget.** – Subject to annual Board approval, each fiscal year the School Board  
45   may budget an amount equal to the actual energy expense reported to the Florida  
46   Department of Education in the previous year multiplied by 0.005; these funds will  
47   be set aside for this Energy Conservation Incentive Program.

48   4. **Distribution and Use of Funds.** – The awards will be distributed by September 1<sup>st</sup>  
49   of the following fiscal year. Funds will be transferred to the schools' internal  
50   accounts and the use of the funds shall follow the same rules of the internal  
51   account funds.

52   5. **Designated Official.** – The Chief of Facilities Management will be responsible for  
53   implementing this policy and addressing energy conservation issues district-wide.  
54   To assist with this policy, each school principal shall designate an employee who  
55   will be responsible for energy conservation issues on the school campus.

56   STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Fla. Stat. §§ 1001.41; 1001.42

57   LAWS IMPLEMENTED: Fla. Stat. §§ 1001.41; 1001.42

58   HISTORY: \_\_/\_\_\_2011

Legal Signoff:

The Legal Department has reviewed proposed Policy 7.1965 and finds it legally sufficient for development by the Board.

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