



Energy Conservation Newsletter



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Did you know that the State College Area School District spent **\$1,803,737.00** in utilities last year?

While we have worked hard to keep utility costs under control, these efforts are now more important than ever! Throughout the year, we will be updating you on efforts to manage and reduce our utility costs and asking for your help in this important endeavor.

Sustainability:

On October 13, 2008 the Board of School Directors adopted a resolution on Sustainability. As a result, the renovated Ferguson Township and new Mount Nittany Elementary Schools will be LEED certified schools. (You can read the full resolution on the Physical Plant web page.)



Geothermal well drilling begins at FTES



In addition to these projects, the summer has been busy with other energy conservation projects including; new, insulated windows at Lemont Elementary, super energy efficient lighting at MNMS, and a new boiler at Panorama Village. Also, in a partnership with Allegheny Power, the district replaced Exit signs around the district with LED models that will save significant energy costs!

You can help:

Pull the Plug on Waste!

When you leave your office at night, make sure to unplug your electronics. You could save up to 25 percent on your electric costs. Better yet – get a power strip. That way, you can turn off many things with one button. For more ways to conserve, visit our web site at www.alleghenypower.com and click on the Watt Watchers link.



Courtesy of Allegheny Power

Temperature Guidelines:

Based on numerous guidelines and standards, the district attempts to maintain heating set points at 68–72 degrees (air conditioning at 72-75 degrees). Generally, this is accomplished through the building's heating plant. On occasions when either equipment malfunctions or other circumstances make it difficult to heat a space, the district may choose to use a space heater in a given area.

However; space heaters are inefficient and can even be hazardous! Due to these factors, effective immediately, the district will no longer permit the use of personal space heaters. Contact your building's plant supervisor if you have a heating problem.

Coming in the next issue: EnergyStar, and a recap of SCASD's "Summer Shut Down"