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I. Commitment to Environmental Education

- A. The Laconia School District recognizes on-going education for all members of the school community about the importance of environment responsibility and the provisions of the Comprehensive Environmental Policy.
- B. The Laconia School District recognizes its academic role in fostering leadership by educating the school community about environmental responsibility and will continued to support environmental education in the curriculum.

II. Environmentally Responsible Purchasing Practices.

- A. The Laconia School District will strive to obtain maximum value for its expenditures and will work towards obtaining the “best value “ by balancing short and long term costs, maintenance, life cycle, and environmental cost in purchasing good and service.
- B. The Laconia School District acknowledges that environmentally responsible purchasing choices will help create and sustain markets for environmentally responsible and recycled content products.
- C. The Laconia School District commits to the goal of making environmentally and fiscally responsible purchasing choices that consider life cycle costs, long-term implications, and relative environmental harm of products.
- D. Purchasing policies will encourage obtaining products that minimize waste products, have high recycled content, use environmental production methods, demonstrate maximum durability or biodegradability, reparability, energy-efficiency, non-toxicity, and recyclability.

III. Efficient Use and Conservation of Energy, Water, and Other Resources

- A. The Laconia School District recognizes the importance of conservation efforts and efficient use of resources as the primary method to be used to reduce resource consumption.
- B. The Laconia School District commits to minimizing the consumption of energy, water, and other resources by eliminating wasteful practices and promoting efficient use.
- C. The Laconia School District strives to maximize energy efficiency in existing buildings, renovations, and new construction.

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- D. The Laconia School District commits to exploring and implementing well-considered and feasible conservation measures in existing buildings, renovations, and new construction.
- E. The Laconia School District will explore the application of developing technologies for energy systems and use of resources, as well as the potential for use of renewable energy resources.

IV. Minimize Solid Waste Production

- A. The Laconia School District recognizes the importance of minimizing solid waste generation by the community. The Laconia School District will establish processes that will reduce solid waste generation; first through reduction, secondarily through reuse, and finally through recycling.
- B. The Laconia School District commits to waste source reduction, especially at the point of purchase.
- C. The Laconia School District supports reuse of materials to maximize fiscal, environmental, and energy efficiency.
- D. The Laconia School District supports development of waste-food composting and bio-mass resource recovery programs.
- E. The Laconia School District commits to a comprehensive recycling program as the final step in solid waste reduction and as a means to transform waste into a resource.

V. Minimize Hazardous Waste and Toxic Materials on Campus

- A. The Laconia School District acknowledges the importance of safe management of hazardous and toxic materials and will continue to establish policies and processes to maintain efficient use, tracking, storage, and disposal of hazardous and toxic materials.
- B. The Laconia School District commits to keeping the presence of toxic materials on campus and the generation of hazardous waste within the District at reasonable levels for work and research on campus.
- C. The Laconia School District supports environmentally responsible disposal of hazardous waste.

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VI. Environmentally Responsible Campus Design and Planning Principles

- A. The Laconia School District recognizes the importance of environmentally responsible practices in developing the physical characteristics of its community. The District will consider environmental implications in the development, construction, and operation of campus infrastructures, grounds, and buildings.
- B. The Laconia School District will strive to balance sound fiscal practices and environmental responsibility in the maintenance and further development of the planning and building of school facilities.
- C. The Laconia School District will work toward the goals of providing landscaping and grounds maintenance practices that use vegetation compatible with the local environment and that use integrated pest management techniques.
- D. The Laconia School District has an ongoing commitment to facilitating pedestrian travel, bicycle use, and other modes of transportation that minimize environmental impact.

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