# **Fairfield Public Schools**



# **Energy Conservation Program**

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# **Program Overview**

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Fairfield Public Schools has a district-wide energy conservation program in place. The cost of energy is a major item in all school budgets. It takes a lot of systems and equipment to keep school buildings running all day and night. This includes the occupied and unoccupied modes.

### **Examples of Energy Management Policies:**

- > Establish specific goals and objectives.
- Monitor each building's energy use.
- Conduct energy audits in all buildings.
- Reward schools that decrease energy use.
- Install energy efficient equipment.
- Institute performance contracting when replacing equipment.

Some of the examples of our Energy Conservation Programs at the **new and renovated** schools are:

- > Energy Efficient Equipment
- Lighting Controls and Systems
- Windows with Day Lighting
- Plumbing Fixtures
- Dual Fuel Systems

- Boiler Room Equipment
- Controls Integration
- Motion Detectors
- After Hour Setback Devices
- > Timing Devices

Some of the examples of our Energy Conservation Programs at all schools are:

- External Electrical Power Systems
- Internal Electrical Power Systems
- > Fire Alarm Systems
- > Recycling
- Cleaning Materials

- Pest Control
- Field Treatments
- Preventative Maintenance
- IAQ Repairs and fixes to HVAC Equipment

Fairfield Public Schools has several interesting energy conservation projects at our schools that involve students and training. Examples of these projects are as follows:

#### Photovoltaic Cells



Natural Gas Buses



Solar Panels



Hydrogen Fuel Cell



## **Preventative Maintenance**

- Preventative Maintenance is the act of servicing or replacing worn or damaged individual parts and components of a system before their inevitable failure causes a total breakdown of the system.
- A good preventative maintenance practice interrupts the cycles that perpetuate high energy use and short equipment life cycles.







# **Preventative Maintenance Programs**

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- Building Envelope Systems
- Code and Life Safety Systems
- > Roof Systems
- Emergency Generators
- > HVAC Indoor Air Quality
- HVAC Cleaning
- Equipment Integration Systems
- Windows and Window Systems
- > Instructional Equipment
- > Plumbing Systems
- Electrical Systems

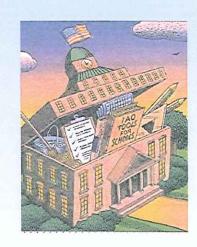
### **Status**

- Complete and working 2004
- Complete and working 2003
- Complete and working 2004
- Complete and working 2006
- Complete and working 2004
- Complete and working 2006
- Complete and working 2004
- Complete and working 2005
- Complete and working 2007
- In progress 2010
- Complete and working 2002

# **Preventative Maintenance Programs**

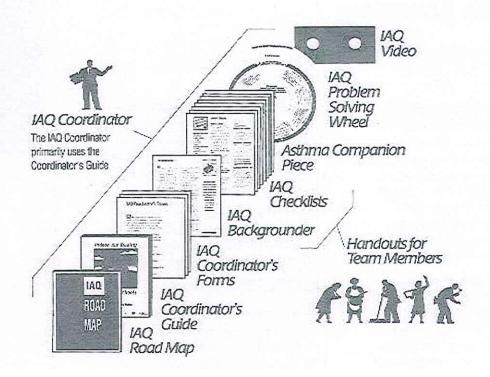
	<u>Program</u>	<u>Status</u>
>	Flooring Systems	Complete and working – 2002
>	Large spaces of Assembly Professionally Cleaned	Future program - 2011
>	Window Cleaning	Future program – 2011
>	Low Voltage Systems	Complete and working - 2008
>	Playgrounds	Complete and working – 2003
>	Radon Systems	Complete and working – 2003 & 2008
>	Security Systems	Complete and working – 2007
>	Fire Alarm Systems	Complete and working – 2002
>	Door and Door Hardware Systems	Complete and working - 2003

- Tools for Schools is a program that is now being used in the Fairfield Public Schools. This program originated from the Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools Action Kit which has been developed by the Environmental Protection Agency.
- Indoor air quality may have an immediate impact on the student's and the staff's overall health. Some of the indoor air quality problems include:



- Improperly maintained ventilation systems.
- Chemical pollutants from building, or building maintenance and/or science and art classes.
- Allergens from classroom animals or other pests.
- Mold growth from standing water in pipes, etc.

# IAQ Tools for Schools Action Kit



**Example of the IAQ Tools for Schools Action Kit** 

- Fairfield Public Schools has formed a "Tools for Schools" team at each school. These teams are responsible for ensuring that the "Tools for Schools" program is implemented properly.
- Because IAQ problems can occur anywhere in the building, the team should include staff, as shown here, as well as parents and students.



# IAQ TEAM WALKTHROUGH Look, smell, feel and listen for existing or potential LAQ problems as you

our your school facilities.



#### **TEACHERS**

Ensure comfort, health, and reduced sick days for you and your students by preventing IAQ problems in the classroom.



#### ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Show leadership by providing a healthy indoor environment conductive to teaching and learning.



#### **HEALTH OFFICERS**

Recognize and monitor trends in reported illnesses that may give early warning of IAQ problems.



#### FOOD SERVICE STAFF

Reduce odors, mnisture, and find waste, thereby lowering the risk of shorts or long-term health problems linked to poor induce air quality.

#### FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE STAFF



#### VENTILATION

Be sure the ventilation system is clean and that an adequate amount of outside air is supplied to the school.



#### BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Review supplies and follow label instructions; select the safest, most effective products; handle and dispose of supplies safely.



#### WASTE MANAGMENT

Use proper waste disposal practices to control oders, contaminants, and pests.



#### RENOVATION AND REPAIRS

During repairs, minimize dust, fumes, and off-gassing from building materials. Avoid designs that interfere with ventilation.

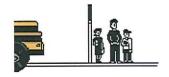
- In addition to creating a healthier environment in our school buildings throughout our district, the "Tools for Schools" program will help promote energy efficiency in many ways.
- > For example -
  - The design of the ventilation system which should be controlled and modified when necessary.
  - The renovation work to the buildings, such as re-roofing or installing new windows.







"Our goal is to improve the air quality in all of the buildings within the school district while maintaining energy efficiency."



# **United Illuminating Co. Incentives**

The Fairfield Public Schools' administration has taken advantage of incentives offered by the State's Energy Conservation and Load Management Fund to make improvements for our newly constructed and renovated schools.



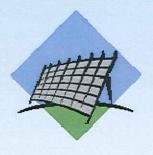
- In order to do this, the United Illuminating Co. provided funding, through their Municipal Energy Blueprint Program, which allowed the school district to install energy efficient equipment.
- By taking advantage of these incentives and complying with the blueprint program, Fairfield Public Schools will see immediate savings as well as savings over the next 20 or so years. In addition, the United Illuminating Co. gave the town of Fairfield incentive checks for six school projects.

# United Illuminating Co. Incentives

# FAIRFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS UNITED ILLUMINATING COMPANY INCENTIVE AWARDS

SCHOOL	TOTAL INCENTIVE	AVOIDED CONSUMPTION-kWh	AVOIDED ANNUAL COS	AVOIDED ST DEMAND-KW
McKinley Elementary	\$ 31,041.00	201,411	\$ 22,000.8	1 34
Roger Ludlowe Middle	\$ 68,959.00	1,384,789	S 151,265.2	1 341
Burr Elementary	\$ 40,000.00	312,756	\$ 34,163.4	0 117
Fairfield Ludlowe High	\$ 54,418.00	282,768	S 30,887.7	1 109
Fairfield Warde High	\$ 60,935.00	458,492	S 50,082.6	4 167
Tomlinson Middle	\$ 74,527.00	320,152	S 34,971.2	9 141
Stratfield Elementary	To	Be	Determined	
Fairfield Woods Middle	То	Be	Determined	
TOTALS	\$ 329,880.00	2,960,368	\$ 323,371.0	6 909

# United Illuminating Co. Incentives



### **Examples of the equipment:**

Lighting

T-8 or t-5 fluorescent lamps with electronic ballasts increase lighting efficiency.

**Automatic Sensor Controls** 

Sensor controls on the lighting system automatically turns the lights on/off when someone enters or leaves the room.

High Efficient
Cooling Equipment
with Variable Speed
Drives

This equipment varies the speed of the fan motors or compressor pumps so they provide enough cooling or heating power to satisfy the demand on the system.

**Premium Efficient Motors** 

These motors are designed to use less energy than standard efficient motors.

The Fairfield Public Schools has taken advantage of a subsidy program from the United Illuminating Company and have signed contracts on June 6, 2006 with Energy Solutions, LLC to design and reduce utility costs for our older schools by:

- 1. Providing occupancy light switch sensors.
- 2. Improving the energy efficiency of lighting.
- 3. Providing control cycling on refrigeration equipment.
- 4. Reducing corridor lighting where applicable.

This will have an immediate impact on our overall utility costs by reducing our monthly utility bills by approximately **\$8,445.00**.

Audit Findings: Lost Energy Expense Risk Assessment®

	Lighting Sensors	Outdoor Lighting Fixtures	Lighting Fixtures Retrofit	Lighting Fixtures Upgrades	Refrigeration Control Upgrades
Elementary Schools					
Burr Elementary School					
Dwight Elementary School					
Holland Hill Elementary School					
Jennings Elementary School		tig			
McKinley Elementary School					
Mill Hill Elementary School	METAL PARENT				
North Stratfield Elementary School					
Osborn Hill Elementary School					
Riverfield Elementary School					
Sherman Elementary School					
Stratfield Elementary School					
Middle Schools					
Fairfield Woods Middle School					
Roger Ludlowe Middle School					k d se se s
Tomlinson Middle School					
High Schools					
Fairfield Ludlowe High School					
Fairfield Warde High School					
Keyc		= no opportunity for	energy expense reduct energy expense reduct rgy expense reduction	ion right now (re-audit i	n 24 months).

#### Audit Findings: Lost Energy and Resulting Expenses (revised 6-28-06)

School	Annual kWhs	Annual Expense	k _
Elementary Schools			
Burr Elementary School	-		-
Dwight Elementary School	42,478	\$ 5,310.0	00
Holland Hill Elementary School	31,786	\$ 3,97	73
Jennings Elementary School	23,110	\$ 2,88	39
McKinley Elementary School	8,706	\$ 1,08	38
Mill Hill Elementary School	50,541	\$ 6,31	8
North Stratfield Elementary School	41,369	\$ 5,17	11
Osborn Hill Elementary School	27,370	\$ 3,42	21
Riverfield Elementary School	42,179	\$ 5,27	/2
Sherman Elementary School	58,422	\$ 7,30	)3
Stratfield Elementary School	31,327	\$ 3,91	6
Middle Schools			
Fairfield Woods Middle School	49,678	\$ 6,21	0
Roger Ludlowe Middle School	46,270	\$ 5,78	34
Tomlinson Middle School	63,304	\$ 7,91	13
High Schools			
Fairfield Ludlowe High School	152,928	\$ 19,11	6
Fairfield Warde High School	141,278	\$ 17,66	ĵ0
Total	810,746	\$ 101,34	13

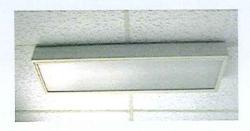
<sup>\*</sup> Assuming a cost per kWhr of \$0.12500. kWhr costs vary by school. This is an estimated a verage from United Illuminating.

Additional expenses not reflected:

- Expenses increase as electric rates increase.
- Lamp replacement and related soft costs.
- Air conditioning expenses are reduced since the newsystems emit less heat.

# Out with the Old









# In with the New







This program is combined with the United Illuminating incentive and allows the customer to upgrade the schools with the necessary equipment with no expense to the district.

There are four primary **Benefits** to this program.

- 1. Significant cost reductions.
- 2. Reduced pollution.
- 3. Improved lighting in the school buildings.
- 4. No outlay of additional funds are necessary.

Fairfield Public Schools will see immediate savings, as well as savings over the next 20 or so years.

# Johnson Controls, Inc.



### **Contract Overview**



The School District, along with the Town of Fairfield, signed a 10-year Performance Contract on September 8, 1999. The service agreement commenced on the substantial completion date of January 2, 2001 and will end on January 2, 2011. This contract guarantees that the Town and Schools will save \$7,180,153 over a ten-year period.

Some of the energy conservation and facility improvement measures implemented are as follows:

- HVAC Conversions
- > AHU's Replacements
- > AHU's Refurbishment
- Condensing Unit Replacements
- Exhaust Fans Added
- > Boiler Replacement
- Emergency Generators Added
- > Air Compressors Replacement

- > Refurbishment
- Variable Speed Drives
- Dual Fuel Burner Replacements
- Above Ground Fuel Tank Added
- Lighting Retrofit & Lighting Controls
- Maintenance Mgmt. System (CMMS)
- Metasys Direct Digital Control (DDC)
- Building Automation System

# Johnson Controls, Inc.



Johnson Controls, Inc. offers result oriented service.

- Master Planning of Deferred Maintenance
  - > Reactive

> Preventative

> Predictive

- > Proactive
- Analysis of Lifecycle Costs
- Comprehensive Coverage
  - > Temperature Control

- > Security
- Mechanical/Electrical Systems
- > Lighting

> Fire and Safety

> Building Automation

- Result
  - Maximize systems performance and help achieve operational goals

# Johnson Controls, Inc.

Board of Education
Guarantee Performance Contract
Results through Guarantee Year 9 Ending as of December 2009

Project Time Period	Guaranteed Savings	Actual Savings	Over/Guarantee
Construction Phase &			
First Year of the PC	\$603,217	\$626,273	\$23,056
Year 2	\$548,506	\$606,851	\$58,345
Year 3	\$551,789	\$622,884	\$71,095
Year 4	\$555,169	\$641,095	\$85,926
Year 5	\$558,642	\$695,831	\$137,189
Year 6	\$560,905	\$762,409	\$201,504
Year 7	\$564,551	\$766,227	\$201,676
Year 8	\$568,313	\$784,876	\$216,563
Year 9	\$572,188	\$701,344	\$129,156
Total	\$5,083,280	\$6,207,790	\$1,124,510

Source: Johnson Controls Performance Contract Cost Avoidance Report Year 9 of 10 – Prepared on April 16, 2010

# **EnerNOC Demand Response Program**

(in Conjunction with the United Illuminating, Co.)

The EnerNOC Demand Response Program provides energy reductions when demand is highest, relieving peak demand in a cost-effective and environmentally friendly way.

The EnerNOC Demand Response Program works with the grid operators and utilities to lower peak demand through demand response. They pay commercial, institutional, and industrial facilities to reduce electricity, whether in response to grid instability or an emergency such as a transmission line failure, to provide relief to the grid when it's needed most.

Currently, we have five schools approved for this program. EnerNOC has installed free pulse metering devices at each facility to monitor energy consumption. They notify us when our local utility or grid operator initiates a demand response event and we respond by reducing our energy usage at our locations. EnerNOC then provides us with payments for supporting our local grid.

# **EnerNOC Demand Response Program**

(in Conjunction with the United Illuminating, Co.)

#### FAIRFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS SITE NAMES & ESTIMATED CAPACITY (kW)

Cita Nama	Site Address	Estimated Capacity (kW)
Site Name	Site Address	Cupacity (itt)
McKinley Elementary School	60 Thompson Street, Fairfield, CT 06825	100
Fairfield Ludlowe High School	785 Unquowa Road, Fairfield, CT 06824	100
Fairfield Warde High School	755 Melville Avenue, Fairfield, CT 06825	200
Roger Ludlowe Middle School	689 Unquowa Road, Fairfield, CT 06824	200
Tomlinson Middle School	200 Unquowa Road, Fairfield, CT 06824	100

# **EnerNOC Demand Response Program**

(in Conjunction with the United Illuminating, Co.)

## FAIRFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS GENERATOR SPECIFICATIONS

	GENERATOR							FUEL
LOCATION	MAKE	KW	MODEL	SERIAL	ATS MAKE	MODEL	SERIAL	CAP (Gallons)
Fairfield Ludlowe High	Elliott/Magnatek	200	200 RD	BU01J933	ASCO			550
Fairfield Ludlowe High	Clark Perkins		PDFP-L6YN					275
Fairfield Warde High	Detroit Spectrum	600	600 DS	2002237	Spectrum			1250
Roger Ludlowe Middle	Detroit Spectrum	420	400 DSE	0751980	Spectrum	SCT-AMTA-600S	K0750702	750
Burr Elementary	Spectrum	200	200 DFGC-4246	A040598469				366
McKinley Elementary	Clark Perkins		PDFP-L4YN					285

# **School Construction Project Reimbursements**

The State Department of Education reimburses districts for school construction projects on an individual basis. When implementing a district-wide construction plan, an individual project grant application is required for each facility. The reimbursement percentage rate for each town is determined by the Town's equalized grand list divided by the Town's population, multiplied by the Town's per capita income and divided by the State's per capita income.

# Below is a summary of the required steps for a construction grant reimbursement request:

- 1. The application process An ED-049 application needs to be filed.
- Final Plans A PREP meeting is required to review all design professional plans.
- 3. Approval of Final Plans An ED-042 form needs to be filed.
- Change Orders All change orders with applicable back-up are to be submitted. An ED-042 CO needs to be filed.
- 5. Progress Payments An ED-046 is to be filed to request a payment.
- 6. Annual Project Expenditure An ED-046 needs to be filed.
- 7. Closing Project- Final Grant Application An ED-049F needs to be filed.
- 8. Audit is performed to complete the process.

# **School Construction Project Reimbursements**

New construction as well as renovation projects, allows the Fairfield Public School district to become more energy efficient. Examples of how these projects help with energy efficiency are as follows:

- The new construction work is done to current codes which will increase the energy efficiency.
- Renovation codes require that window replacements have thermal insulated panes.
- New roofing codes require increased insulation for energy efficiency as well improved drainage functions.

- Ceiling and lighting replacements improve energy efficiency.
- HVAC integration improves the heating and air conditioning function which improves energy efficiency while improving indoor air quality.
- Integration of the equipment controls program into new buildings improves energy efficiency.

# **School Construction Project Reimbursements**

# FAIRFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS CONSTRUCTION PROJECT SUMMARY

SCHOOL	TOTAL PROJECTED STATE REIMBURSEMENT	TOTAL PAYMENTS RECEIVED TO DATE
McKinley Elementary School	\$4,946,954	\$4,946,954
Burr Elementary School	\$4,876,899	\$4,633,046
Roger Ludlowe Middle School	\$9,331,117 *	\$8,864,561
Fairfield Ludlowe High School	\$6,125,704 *	\$4,805,782
Fairfield Warde High School	\$8,065,509 *	\$7 <mark>.5</mark> 13.832
Tomlinson Middle School	\$6,980,816 **	\$6,681,999
Sherman Elementary School - Annex Building	\$445,702	\$378,472
Osborn Hill Elementary School - Annex Building	\$396,313	\$341,911
Stratfield Elementary School	\$1,882,121	\$1,831.240
Fairfield Woods Middle	TBD	TBD
Total - All Major Projects:	\$43,051,135	\$39,997,797

<sup>\*</sup> The Open Choice Bonus is not included.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The Open Choice Bonus and the Pre-1950 Square Footage Adjustment is included.



In conjunction with the First Selectman's office, the Board of Education has entered into an agreement to combine like services across the district to improve energy efficiency.

A task force meets regularly to discuss work efforts, projects, budget items and also to review new ideas or new energy efficient projects/technology that may be available.

## Town of Fairfield Support Efforts to the Board of Education

- 1. Demolition and removal of:
  - Old portable classrooms
  - Over grown trees and bushes
  - Old playgrounds
  - Building equipment beyond our scope or ability
- 2. Support and extra work force for:
  - > Snow removal issues
  - Storage of large materials
  - Transportation issues

- 3. Weekend and Holiday events at school:
  - Election day
  - Conservation day
  - Earth day
  - Street marching
- 4. Street work, sidewalks and curbs:
  - Major paving projects
  - Sidewalk repairs/replacement
  - Safety items for streets around schools
  - Handicap ramps at street
  - Exterior lighting

### Town of Fairfield Support Efforts to the Board of Education

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### 5. Fields, courts and parks:

- Striping, markings and nets
- Major field repairs
- Grounds and landscaping
- Safety

### 6. Playgrounds:

- Digging and preparation
- Concrete equipment
- > Supervision
- Trucks for wood fiber chips delivered
- Storage of equipment and delivery

### 7. Communication:

- Sharing contacts for work
- Combining efforts for projects
- Design ideas for problem areas/ projects
- Johnson Control Inc. Contract
- Combining efforts and staff for emergencies

### **Board of Education Support Efforts to Town of Fairfield**

- Reservations for weekend and Holiday events:
  - Athletics
  - Fundraisers
  - > Not-for-profit
  - For-profit
  - Custodians for events
- 2. Indoor air quality issues:
  - Employees
  - Human Resources
  - Police Department
  - Fire Department
- 3. Expert Licensed Maintenance Workers:
  - > HVAC Technician
  - > Plumber
  - Electrician

- 4. Communication:
  - Sharing contacts for work
  - Combining efforts for projects
  - Design ideas for problem areas/projects
  - Johnson Control Inc. Contract
  - Combining efforts and staff for emergencies
- 5. Major Projects:
  - Solar panels Fairfield Woods Middle School
  - Hydrogen fuel cells Roger Ludlowe Middle School and Fairfield Ludlowe High School
  - Natural gas buses (district-wide)
  - Photovoltaic Fairfield Woods Middle School

# **Training Programs**

Professional Development:



- Caring for and maintaining a large school district requires considerable expertise to maintain energy efficiency. We know that school buildings need attention on a regular basis. Therefore, hiring qualified maintenance and custodial staff is a key element to any organization.
- A great deal of time, management and money go into maintaining a qualified staff. Coordination, scheduling and coverage is a must when the goal is energy conservation among multiple buildings. Therefore, it is worthwhile to do all you can to retain staff and offer continuous professional development.

# **Training Programs**

### Staff Training:



We do not hire staff to be students, however, we are happy when they are learning. The staff is hired to provide a service to the district by ensuring that the school system operates in a safe and efficient manner. Training staff to perform their work properly, efficiently and safely is very cost effective in the long run. Training staff is a necessary tool to meet the changing facility needs of all buildings. The skills and knowledge of each and every employee relates to the overall well being of the organization.

# **Training**

<u>Program</u>	<u>Status</u>
> IAQ issues and ventilation issues	Complete
> Proper cleaning methods	Complete
> Building odors	Complete
Dealing with staff complaints	Complete
Asbestos awareness	Complete
> Chemical awareness	Complete
> Hazardous spills	Complete
Personal protective equipment	Complete
> Roofs	Complete
> Windows	Complete
General safety training	Complete
HVAC equipment controls	Complete
> CPR and AED	Complete