

**Resolution of the Fairhaven School Committee
On Energy Star Equipment and Appliance Purchasing**

WHEREAS, schools should employ design, construction and operations strategies that minimize long term operating costs, in particular by minimizing energy and water consumption;

WHEREAS, schools that incorporate sustainable design principles can contribute to local, regional and national efforts to minimize waste, energy use, and air pollution;

WHEREAS, the federal Energy Star program provides a way to easily identify energy efficient products;

WHEREAS, a partial list of equipment covered by the Energy Star program includes computers, monitors, copy machines, water coolers, printers, scanners, refrigerators, and washing machines;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fairhaven School Committee hereby votes to require that all new purchases of equipment and appliances for the new LeRoy L. Wood Elementary School are compliant with the specifications provided through the Energy Star program and also to prohibit the purchase of low efficiency products, including halogen torchieres and portable electric resistance heaters. Products and appliances not currently covered by the Energy Star program are excluded from this requirement.

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