



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

December 7, 1973

TO: Secretaries of Boards of Education
County Superintendents of Schools
Superintendents of Schools
Administrative Principals

RE: State Board Energy Resolutions

The State Board of Education at its meeting on December 5, 1973, adopted the attached three resolutions regarding the energy crisis.

The adoption of the resolution regarding extension of the Christmas vacation means that all public schools in New Jersey shall not be in session from the end of the school session on Friday, December 21, 1973, until the opening of the school session on Monday, January 7, 1974.

Please be advised that the resolution listing seven recommended measures to conserve energy contains a change in Recommendation No. 1 from that contained in the Acting Commissioner's memorandum to county superintendents dated November 29, 1973. The words "eliminate" and "eliminated" have been changed to "consolidate" and "consolidated" in the resolution as adopted by the State Board.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Edward W. Kilpatrick'.

Edward W. Kilpatrick
Acting Commissioner of Education
Acting Secretary, State Board of Education



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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the schools of New Jersey are a vital community service; and

WHEREAS, the schools of New Jersey face severe energy shortages, and

WHEREAS, the Mandatory Allocation Program is expected to establish priorities for fuel allocations; be it

RESOLVED, that the New Jersey State Board of Education hereby urges high priority be given to local schools so that the educational process continues uninterrupted.

President, State Board of Education

Acting Secretary, State Board of Education

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the public schools face an energy crisis;
be it

RESOLVED, that it is recommended that the local public school districts
take strong measures to conserve energy while preserving their educational programs;

RESOLVED, that these recommended measures include:

- (1) Curtail or consolidate all after school, extra-curricular activities. Field trips which involve vehicular travel shall be curtailed or consolidated. Interscholastic sports, where possible, should become daytime scheduled rather than evening.
- (2) Eliminate weekend use of buildings.
- (3) Reduce the evening use of the school plant by at least 50%. In determining the exclusions, major efforts should be made to retain necessary educational programs. (Voc Tech for licensing, adult programs, ABE and High School Completion Programs)
- (4) Eliminate or reduce where possible transportation for distances less than state mandated mileage limits. Where hazardous conditions are the situation, consideration must be given to the safety of pupils.
- (5) Eliminate home to school student driving and revoke student parking privileges.
- (6) Encourage car pools for administrators and staff.
- (7) Require each school district to evaluate the present program for pupil transportation. All buses should operate at full load capacity and smaller vehicles should be substituted for full size buses where routing so indicate,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that local public school districts submit bi-weekly reports to the County Superintendent indicating the status of action taken with regard to these recommendations.

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the public schools face an energy crisis, and

WHEREAS, on December 3, the Governor's Cabinet Committee on Energy did accept and support a proposal to extend the school Christmas vacation to January 7, 1974, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Christmas vacation shall be extended through the first week of January; students to return to school January 7, 1974.

President, State Board of Education

Acting Secretary, State Board of Education

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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: County Superintendents of Schools

SUBJECT: Recommended Energy Conservation Plan

DATE: November 29, 1973

As part of the national and statewide effort to conserve energy of all types, I am asking you to coordinate with the local districts in your county to implement the measures listed below:

1. Curtail or eliminate all after school, extracurricular activities. Field trips which involve vehicular travel shall be curtailed or eliminated. Interscholastic sports, where possible, should become daytime scheduled rather than evening.
2. Eliminate weekend use of buildings.
3. Instruct each school district to reduce the evening use of the school plant by at least 50%. In determining the exclusions, major efforts should be made to retain necessary educational programs. (Voc Tech for licensing, adult programs, ABE and High School Completion Programs)
4. Eliminate or reduce where possible transportation for distances less than state mandated mileage limits. Where hazardous conditions are the situation, consideration must be given to the safety of pupils.
5. Eliminate home to school student driving and revoke student parking privileges.
6. Encourage car pools for administrators and staff.
7. Require each school district to evaluate the present program for pupil transportation. All buses should operate at full load capacity and smaller vehicles should be substituted for full size buses where routing so indicate.

8. Extend Christmas vacation through the first week of January.
Students would return to school January 7.

We have had the involvement of PTA, NJEA, School Boards Association, private schools, and other interested groups in the review of these proposed steps to be implemented.

I am aware of the uniqueness of some local situations which may cause refinements in the steps I am listing. It is expected that you will give these unique local situations your attention as you coordinate the effort.

Every consideration should be given to the involvement of the local bargaining agent, the community, the private schools, and the local government agencies as plans are put into action.

In addition to the steps above, I have submitted a plan including additional contingencies to the State Department of Defense which is coordinating the statewide effort. The plan, including contingencies, will be a matter for review at the State Board of Education meeting on Wednesday, December 5, 1973.



Edward W. Kilpatrick
Acting Commissioner of Education