



## **SERT Program Overview**

- Participation in SERT is mandatory for all Montgomery County Public Schools.
- A new and current SERT Action Plan must be submitted by the last Friday in September of each year. This deadline coordinates with the County's Recycling Plan deadline.
- MCPS Data shows that about 15% of the electrical energy used by school occupants is wasted from lights, computers and other non-HVAC equipment left on while not in use. Therefore, a 5% energy conservation mandate over the baseline year has been established for each school facility.
- Principal's support of the SERT team is strongly encouraged to establish school wide awareness and participation, to promote environmental stewardship and to ensure proper use of awards. The Principal's Handbook provides the energy conservation guidelines that should be followed for efficient building management.
- All schools are assigned a SERT energy facilitator based on their maintenance depot. The SERT energy facilitators support the SERT Team's efforts in energy conservation.

### **Annual SERT Conservation Awards**

- Just for submitting your SERT Action Plan on time, your school will earn \$100 to kick-off your SERT initiative.
- SERT Awards will be based on either of the following two performance criteria (1) verifiable energy savings and (2) great energy management. The energy savings are verified through data analysis. Great energy management behavior is verified by your school's assigned SERT energy facilitator or other Energy Resource Team members during visits.

### **Special Annual SERT Champion Award**

- The SERT Champion Award acknowledges staff participating in the school's SERT program efforts.
- Awards are based on nominations from a colleague, student, teacher or administrator and the school's SERT energy facilitator.

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