



## School Energy & Recycling Team Suggested Public Announcements

### Morning Announcements:

- ✚ Did you know that turning off lights in a classroom for two hours a day contributes to saving \$74 dollars a school year? When you leave the classroom, even for a minute, remember to turn those lights off.
- ✚ If MCPS shuts down all computers, individual printers, and accessories at the end of the academic day instead of waiting for the automated shut down we can help save a quarter of a million dollars a year.
- ✚ MCPS uses approximately 216,000,000 kWh a year which converts into 140,000 Tons of CO<sub>2</sub>.  
Please turn off any electronic equipment you are not using.
- ✚ Remember to recycle bottles, cans, plastic containers, and clean paper goods. If your classroom doesn't have a recycling bin, please notify  
\_\_\_\_\_ ***(insert name of recycling coordinator)***.
- ✚ Do you know where your school's recycling stations are in the cafeteria? Please remember to recycle bottles, cans, clean plastic containers, and milk & juice boxes. The boxes go into the paper recycling container.
- ✚ MCPS throws away almost 20 million pounds of trash a year – Please remember to recycle!
- ✚ Turn around before you leave the room – turn it off and close the door!

### Afternoon Announcements:

- ✚ Please remember to shut down any computers that are not needed at this time. Shutting down at dismissal saves \$240,000 a year in system-wide energy costs. (remember accessories too).
- ✚ Unplug TVs and VCRs

## PLM Announcements:

- ✚ It's 3:00 p.m., please make sure all unnecessary equipment and lights are turned off for the next 2 hours – Thank you for helping MCPS reduce our use!
- ✚ It's time to shut down unnecessary lights and equipment for the Peak Load Management program – Thank you for shutting down.

## Recycling Announcements:

- ✚ Americans throw away enough office and writing paper annually to build a wall 12 feet high stretching from Los Angeles to New York City.
- ✚ One ton of recycled paper saves 3,700 pounds of lumber and 24,000 gallons of water.
- ✚ One ton of recycled paper uses: 64% less energy, 50% less water, 74% less air pollution, saves 17 trees and creates 5 times more jobs than one ton of paper products from virgin wood pulp.
- ✚ Did you know that recycling one aluminum beverage can saves enough energy to run a 100-watt bulb for 20 hours, a computer for 3 hours or a TV for 2 hours?
- ✚ Did you know that recycling 125 aluminum cans saves enough energy to power one home for one day?
- ✚ Did you know that plastics require 100 to 400 years to break down in a landfill? Please recycle.
- ✚ Every old can become new again. Old newspaper can become new newspaper. Old boxes can become new boxes. Old printing and writing paper can become new printing and writing paper. Choose to recycle.

## Stadium Recycling:

- ✚ Please remember to recycle your bottles and cans. MCPS appreciates your efforts to preserve our natural resources. Recycling bins are located at the home stand, at the away stand, next to the concession stand, at the entrance and exit gates – **(choose appropriate locations specific to your school).**

Any questions please contact:

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**"It's your world...choose to conserve"**

