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Dear Parents and Residents:

As winter approaches and we prepare for the colder weather associated with this season, the Patchogue-Medford Board of Education has reaffirmed its commitment to reduce the district's use of energy by formal reinstatement of conservation measures first taken in 1973. At the October business meeting of the Board of Education, the Board approved recommendations in order to reduce the district's costs and to maintain a reasonable level of student comfort.

Classrooms will be heated to a maximum of 65 degrees F during the school day and will be automatically lowered to 55 degrees F immediately following pupil dismissal. All efforts to insure pupil comfort will be considered.

Support for these programs by parents and pupils is appreciated. Parents can help youngsters plan for the school day by a careful check of their children's clothing. Knowing that the schools will be maintained at 65 degrees F, parents should encourage the wearing of sweaters and jackets. The wearing of several layers of clothing is recommended rather than one heavy garment.

The heating and lighting of eleven school buildings involves thousands of gallons of natural gas and thousands of kilowatts of electricity. In the past, the school board has directed that thermostats in all school buildings be lowered and that night settings take effect at an early hour. Without the school district energy conservation program, expenditures for these items would have increased even more significantly.

The Patchogue-Medford School District continues to serve as an example in energy conservation to save costs and to educate our students for tomorrow's challenges.

Sincerely,

Marc A. Negrin, President
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