In light of Earth Day, the Sustainability Work Group would like to take this opportunity to provide an update on the Districtwide Sustainability Program.

The Sustainability Program launched in April 2015.
Since then we have made major strides towards reducing our carbon footprint and establishing sustainable practices.

Since April 2015, Districtwide, we have:

- Reduced our utility consumption by <u>13% or</u> <u>424 metric tons of carbon dioxide</u>
  - This is the equivalent of 88 passenger cars being taken off the road for a year!
  - It would take 10,865 tree seedlings 10 years of growth to sequester that much carbon!
- Avoided spending \$329,922 in utility costs.
   Utilities include electricity, natural gas & water.

Sustainability will only be achievable through a collective group effort. Each person truly does hold the power to create a more sustainable society, or, to prevent that from happening.

## No Act of Sustainability is too Small! ...

One computer left on over the weekend uses about 5 kWh or \$1 Districtwide, computers left on over the weekend use: **18,250** kWh or \$3,650

Turning off computers over the weekend, over the course of a year, will:

Prevent <u>654 metric tons of CO2</u> from being released into the environment. (This is equal to <u>138 passenger cars</u> not being driven, or 3.5 rail cars of coal not being burned!)

And save \$189,800 Districtwide



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