

During the summer of 2009, Fairview School District administrators formed a committee to evaluate the district's operations to increase efficiency and lower costs. From the initial list of ideas several projects were selected for implementation. The table below lists the initiatives and related cost savings anticipated for the 2010-11 school year as compared to actual spending during 2009-10.

In addition to the projects listed below, we have taken steps to lock in electric rates for the 2011 and 2012 calendar years. With rate caps being lifted as of January 1, 2011, there has been concern that rates would increase anywhere from 20% to 30%. We were fortunate to lock in rates that will increase our 2010 cost by about 5%. Also, we are closely monitoring natural gas rates for the 2011-12 school year and may lock in rates soon that may be below the 2010-11 rates.

As part of our continuous effort to identify and capture savings on utility costs, we are working with Penelec and selected vendors to take advantage of energy reductions through a state initiative called Act 129. This program will provide funds that will cover all or part of the cost of energy efficient equipment and lighting.

COST SAVING ITEMS - 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR

DECSRIPTION	SAVINGS
ENERGY	
Space Heaters - elimination of use	1,730
Lights - dim hallway lights during classes	3,424
Buses – engine block heater timers	9,984
Seasonal shutdown of Field House water heater	900
PERSONNEL	
ECA - reduction of maintenance hours	3,600
PURCHASING	
Music - sheet music cycle	500
ECA - reduction in spending for awards	500
ECA - Elimination of warm-ups purchases	2,000
Elimination of pre-printed letterhead	576
Subscriptions - reduction in quantity	1,000
Postage - reduction in items mailed home	1,000
Natural gas - rate locked for 10-11	14,358
Routing of special and alternative education transportation	17,808
Food Service - PRFSD co-op food purchasing group	26,000
Elimination of tuition to Collegiate Academy	34,000
Bidding of insurance package	35,530
TECHNOLOGY	
Fixed assets - elimination of software	250
Student activities - elimination of software	450
Mass emailing system	500
Inkjet printers - Reduction in availability/usage	3,000

Total Savings

\$ 157,110