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RECYCLABLE MATERIALS POLICY

The School Committee of the City of Chicopee believe it to be our responsibility to make our students and staff aware of the importance of recycling materials whenever possible to conserve the world's limited resources and conserve energy while exercising sound financial practices. To this end, all Chicopee Public Schools will recycle materials that would otherwise become waste, including paper, cardboard, bottles and cans, from throughout the school buildings and grounds, in support of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's waste ban, which prohibits disposal of recyclable paper, cardboard, and paperboard; glass and metal containers; and single-resin, narrow-necked plastics.

The implementation of this policy is the responsibility of the School Committee, staff, and students. Success in reducing waste through recycling is based on the cooperation of all the individuals in the school community.

To ensure success in the district's recycling efforts, the following areas will be adopted:

- All district personnel are expected to support recycling efforts throughout the schools.
- A system to document recycling amounts will be created and implemented.
- Teachers are encouraged to include educational lessons on recycling in the curriculum where appropriate.

The Chicopee School Committee directs the Superintendent and his/her agent to implement a materials recycling program in the Chicopee Public Schools.

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