

GREEN POLICY

Q's & A's

1. Why are there no specific, measurable objectives in the policy?

The policy ensures the provision of guidelines for the Board. By excluding overly specific requirements, the Green Policy allows schools and centres to implement it in ways that align with their individual Educational Projects and School Success plans. Green Policy objectives avoid unnecessary budget constraints on schools and centres. There is also an important environmental component of the Board's Strategic Plan which includes specific objectives and is intended to contribute to the Board's overall success.

2. Why is there no "Idling Rule" mentioned in the policy?

Municipal by-laws govern the idling of vehicles.

3. When negotiating with the carriers, will the Lester B. Pearson School Board explore the possibility of using school buses that run on natural gas or electricity?

In Quebec there are no bus carriers that use natural gas or electricity. The majority of the buses use diesel.

4. Why isn't there a "Green Purchasing" clause in the policy?

There is a "Green Purchasing" clause in the Purchasing policy.

5. Can we use the telephone-based community messaging system more frequently in order to limit paper usage?

The decision to use the community messaging system is made by each school or centre on a case-by-case basis. The Lester B. Pearson School Board encourages the use of the system for essential notifications.

6. Does the Policy encourage an environmentally aware curriculum?

Yes. In Addendum A, entitled "Roles and Responsibilities", within the fourth section, entitled "Schools and Centres", items C and D refer to this specifically.

7. Will there be an agreement signed between the Lester B. Pearson School Board and an Environmental organization?

Currently, there are no plans for a Board-wide agreement. This does not preclude the establishment of an agreement or agreements by schools or centres. Working with the resources available in the school's or centre's municipality will allow each to maximize its green initiatives.

8. Will the ethics curriculum include any environmental education?

The content of this program is under the jurisdiction of the *Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport*, but nothing in the policy necessitates its exclusion.

9. Does the Lester B. Pearson School Board plan to return to using plates in the cafeteria?

No. The larger industrial dishwashers require a greater use of energy and of non-biodegradable cleaning products.

10. Can the private food-service provider use biodegradable containers?

No. It is more environmentally sound to use recyclable containers. The increased cost of biodegradable containers would need to be passed onto the students, and the insulation of biodegradable containers is insufficient to prevent bacteria from growing. For more information, please refer to the following Chartwells website :

http://www2.compass-canada.com/corp2/media/Our360/Corporate_sustainability_commitments_and_programs_-_FINAL.pdf

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