

Small Adjustments, Big Wins: Join the Climate Action!

The Board of Education recognizes that the planet is in a state of climate emergency and acknowledges the legitimacy of the United Nations Climate Action Charter (2016) and B.C.'s Climate Action Charter, as outlined in [Board Policy 124 Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability](#).

The Environmental Advisory Working Group invites you to participate in a collective effort to reduce our environmental impact and save on energy costs. By making small adjustments to our daily routines, we can significantly decrease fossil fuel consumption and contribute to a more sustainable future.

Here are some ways that YOU can help:



Lower Classroom Temperatures by 1–2°C

Reducing the thermostat by a small amount can have a big impact.

Benefits:

- Reduces our carbon footprint significantly
- Lowers District expenses on heating



Wear Warmer Clothing

Layer up with sweaters, scarves, and other warm attire.

Benefits:

- Wearing a sweater instead of a t-shirt makes you feel **5°C warmer**
- If **every classroom reduced heat by 1°C**, we would save **48 tons of carbon emissions** this winter and approx. \$50, 000 in heating costs
- To put that in perspective: **48 tons of carbon = driving a car almost 200,000 km!**



Turn Off Lights and Devices When Not in Use

Make it a habit to switch off lights and unplug devices when leaving a room.

Benefits:

- Lowers our carbon footprint
- Reduces electricity consumption
- Extends the lifespan of bulbs and electronics



Environmental and Financial Benefits

By embracing these practices, we will contribute to:

- A healthier planet for future generations
- Reduces energy consumption
- Lowers utility bills

What You Can Do:

Teachers:

- Request a **1–2°C temperature reduction** in your classroom.
- Turn off lights and devices when not in use.
- Teach about and model Climate Action:

[Climate Change Connections](#) - K to 3

[Local Lessons for A Cool Climate](#) - Secondary

Principals:

- Submit a service request based on the request.
- Turn off lights and devices when not in use.

Students:

- Dress warmly for school.
- Turn off lights and devices when not in use

Together, we can make a big impact for the planet and our community.