

## USE OF PERSONAL APPLIANCES IN SCHOOLS

It is the responsibility of Regional School Unit 23 to provide a safe and healthy learning and working environment for all staff. It is also the responsibility of RSU 23 to comply with all recommendations for maintaining safe and healthy facilities as outlined in our annual safety audit conducted by our insurance carriers. The conservation of energy is a high priority in the RSU 23's long-range facilities plan and the elimination of unnecessary appliances assists in the effective management of fiscal resources.

RSU 23 underscores the importance of maintaining attractive, clean, energy efficient, safe and healthy facilities. In the interest and compliances with best practices in pest management, fire and personal safety, school appearance and cleanliness, personal appliances and novelty lighting will not be allowed to be used in any school classrooms. Such personal appliances and novelty lighting include toaster ovens, microwave ovens, personal televisions, coffee pots, air conditioners, refrigerators, heaters, similar appliances, holiday lighting, string lights and similar lighting. All fans that are used will be purchased by RSU 23 and will meet all standards for electrical and safety codes. The fan must be able to plug directly into the wall without an extension cord. If a staff member has any question about the propriety of a particular appliance, the Director of Maintenance should be consulted who will make a recommendation to the school principal. Should an appliance be necessary as part of a specialized educational program, approval for this will be given by the school principal. Personal laptops can be used in school but not personal desktop computers.

RSU 23 affirms its commitment to all staff by providing attractive staff lounges with quality appliances for their personal use. The staff is expected to keep the appliances clean and orderly.

First reading:

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