## **Monroe Public Schools**

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To: Monroe Public School System From: Facilities Department

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Subject: GREEN CLEANING PROGRAM IN SCHOOLS (CT PUBLIC ACT 09-81)

The State of Connecticut is requiring that each local and regional Board of Education implement a green cleaning program for all school buildings and facilities in its district.

The Monroe Public School District is committed to the implementation of this law by providing the staff and, upon request, the parents and guardians of each child enrolled in each school, with a written statement of the school district's green cleaning program as well as making it available on its web site annually. The policy will also be distributed to new staff hired during the school year and to parents or guardians of students transferring in during the school year.

- 1. Green cleaning program means the procurement and proper use of environmentally preferable cleaning products as defined by the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) for all state owned buildings, schools and facilities. DAS currently requires that environmentally preferable cleaning products be independently certified by one of two third party certified organizations: **Green Seal or Eco Logo**.
- 2. By July 1, 2011 and thereafter no person shall use a cleaning product in a public school unless it meets the DAS standard.

Section 1. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2009) (a) As used in this section, (1) "green cleaning program" means the procurement and proper use of environmentally preferable cleaning products in school buildings and facilities, and (2) "environmentally preferable cleaning product" includes, but is not limited to, general purpose cleaners, bathroom cleaners, carpet cleaners, glass cleaners, floor finishes, floor strippers, hand cleaners and soaps, but does not include (A) any disinfectant, disinfecting cleaner, sanitizer or any other antimicrobial product regulated by the federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act, 7 USC 136 et seq., or (B) any product for which no guideline or environmental standard has been established by any national or international certification program approved by the Department of Administrative Services, or which is outside the scope of or is otherwise excluded under guidelines or environmental standards established by such a national or international certification program.

On or before July 1, 2011, each local and regional board of education shall implement a green cleaning program for the cleaning and maintenance of school buildings and facilities in its district. No person shall use a cleaning product inside a school unless such cleaning product meets guidelines or environmental standards set by a national or international environmental certification program approved by the Department of Administrative Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Environmental Protection. Such cleaning product shall, to the maximum extent possible, minimize the potential harmful impact on human health and the environment.

The following statement will be part of this school district's program as stated in the new law; "NO PARENT, GUARDIAN, TEACHER OR STAFF MEMBER MAY BRING INTO THE SCHOOL FACILITY ANY CONSUMER PRODUCT WHICH IS INTENDED TO CLEAN, DEODORIZE, SANITIZE OR DISINFECT".

The implementation of this program requires the support and cooperation of everyone, including administrators, faculty, staff, parents, guardians and facilities staff.

Any questions concerning the program can be directed to: Facilities Department, Monroe Public Schools – 203-452-2860

## ATTACHMENT "A" GREEN PRODUCT LISTING

This chart lists the types, names and manufacturers of the green products used by this school district, as well as the location/area of application and the schedule of when each is used.

Product/Type	Name	Manufacturer	Location/Area	Frequency
Neutral Disinfectant Cleaner	ES-64	Enviro-Solutions	Bathrooms Classrooms Sinks/Showers	Daily
General Purpose Cleaner	ES-70	Enviro-Solutions	Classroom Walls Desks	Daily
Neutral Floor Cleaner	ES-84	Enviro-Solutions	Floors	Daily
Heavy Duty Cleaner/Degreaser	ES-75	Enviro-Solutions	Kitchen/Food Grade Approved	Daily
Class Cleaner	ES-77	Enviro-Solutions	Windows Mirrors Chrome	Daily
Bio-Active Washroom Cleaner	ES920	Enviro-Solutions	Areas with odors Bathrooms	Daily
Spray & Wipe Cleaner	ES-74	Enviro-Solutions	Heavy Duty Cleaning- where needed Desks Walls	Daily
Liquid Acrylic Floor Finish	Green Scene ZF- Finish	Simoniz USA Inc.	Floors	Annually
GS-10 Floor Stripper Alkaline liquid cleaning compound	Green Scene ZF- Finish	Simoniz USA Inc.	Floors	Annually