BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY SHARON SPRINGS CENTRAL SCHOOL

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Extreme Heat Policy

The Board of Education recognizes the importance of health, safety, and well-being of all students, faculty, and staff. This policy complies with applicable law, rules and regulations, ensuring measures are in place to address indoor temperatures in school buildings and facilities creating a supportive and safe learning and working environment for everyone.

An extreme heat day is defined as a day when indoor educational and support service spaces reach a temperature of 82°F or greater. Kitchen areas used for food preparation are excluded from temperature thresholds for this policy.

When room temperatures reach 82°F or greater, the following actions must be taken to relieve heat-related discomfort:

- Turn off overhead lights
- Pull down shades or blinds
- Turn on fans
- Open classroom doors and windows to increase air circulation (exterior doors shall not be propped open)
 - Turn off unused electronics that produce heat
 - Provide water breaks to students and staff

If temperatures reach 88°F:

• The district shall have a plan to remove students and staff from occupied spaces where practicable. Alternate arrangements for instruction and services may be implemented, such as relocating to cooler areas.

Room temperatures will be measured with a district-supplied ASTM certified thermometer at a shaded location, three feet above the floor near the center of the room. The Head Custodian will be responsible for reporting temperature readings to the building principal, superintendent, or their designee.