Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES Policy
Series 4000 – Non-Instructional/Business Operations
Policy #4512 – EXTREME HEAT CONDITION DAYS FOR EDUCATIONAL AND SUPPORT SERVICES SPACES

For purposes of this policy, in accordance with law, the following definitions apply:

a) Extreme heat condition days means days when occupiable educational and support services spaces are found to be 82 degrees Fahrenheit or higher.

b) Room temperature means the temperature measured at a shaded location, three feet above the floor near the center of the room.

c) Support services spaces do not include kitchen areas used in the preparation of food for consumption by students.

BOCES will take action when the occupiable educational and support services spaces reach a temperature of 82 degrees Fahrenheit or higher. These actions may include, but are not limited to:

a) Turning off the overhead lights;

b) Pulling down shades or blinds;

c) Turning on fans;

d) Opening classroom doors and windows to increase circulation;

e) Turning off unused electronics that produce heat; and

f) Providing water breaks.

Air conditioners, where available, may also be used to keep temperatures from reaching 82 degrees or higher Fahrenheit. This does not prohibit using air conditioning in response to a student's Individualized Education Plan, Section 504 Plan, or in response to a documented student medical need.

BOCES will take action to remove students and staff from educational and support services spaces when the room temperature reaches 88 degrees Fahrenheit. The actions include but are not limited to:

a) Moving students and staff to spaces within the school building(s) less than 88 degrees Fahrenheit;

b) Closing school early and sending students and staff home according to the emergency school closing policy and/or procedure.

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