

## **Sustainability Policy (Draft)**

The Public Schools of Brookline (PSB) values sustainability and is committed to practices that support a healthy environment for present and future generations. The District will prioritize conservation of resources, carbon neutrality, and environmental stewardship in concert with fiscal responsibility, health, and safety including:

**Energy Conservation:** The District will seek out opportunities for energy conservation, energy efficiency, and deployment of renewable energy technologies to capture both cost savings and reduced carbon emissions for the District.

**High Performance School Buildings:** The District will provide a healthy and safe environment for students and staff to support high-quality educational opportunities through best practices in management of high performance buildings, including protection of indoor air quality (IAQ), green cleaning, and integrated pest management (IPM).

**Education & Engagement:** The District will, where appropriate and where there are natural connections, cultivate an understanding of the importance of environmentally sustainable practices, in units of study and courses, as well as through extracurricular organizations, clubs and teams.

**Resource Conservation:** The District will promote resource conservation and efficient use of resources, including waste reduction for water, food, paper and other resources. The District will establish business procedures that give priority to environmentally preferable products and practices, and that consider environmental and social costs as well as short-term prices.

**Local Resources:** The District will promote consumption of local water and other goods, minimizing the importation of resources already available to the community. The District will encourage students to do the same through example and outreach.