

Middletown Township Public Schools Your Town, Your Schools

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Using your tax dollars wisely by:

- ✓ Participating in the Educational Data Services Cooperative, our district has saved \$1,713,258 (in the past 5 years) over State Contract Prices for the same supplies.
- ✓ Utilizing an Inter-local agreement with the Township of Middletown for the purchase of gasoline and diesel fuel, sand and salt as well as receiving discounted prices for blacktop and paving services through their bid vendor.
- ✓ Reconfiguring four custodial assignments to establish Tuesday-Saturday schedules, allowing us to reduce our 2010-2011 custodial/maintenance overtime budget by \$40,000 without compromising service to the schools.
- ✓ Entering into an agreement with Savin for network printers and copiers stabilizing maintenance and replacement costs for the next 5 years. By purchasing some copier models that have fax capability, we can eliminate the cost of toner, repair and replacement of Fax machines. In addition, all copiers have scanning capability which allows emailing documents in lieu of faxing.
- ✓ Signing new Internet access contract saving \$1,200 per month with a 33% increase in bandwidth. Applied savings to automated calling system to allow for unlimited communications with parents and staff.
- ✓ Starting to purchase refurbished computers with three-year warranties in place of scheduled purchases of new computers
- ✓ Increasing computer memory to prolong useful life in place of purchasing scheduled new equipment
- ✓ Migrating to an IP-based telephony distribution system allowing for future savings when needing to replace obsolete and failed equipment.
- ✓ Negotiating with current bid vendors to renew contracts with a \$0 increase.
- ✓ Selling surplus goods and equipment in an online auction environment (*eBay.com*) and other surplus channels in compliance with state and federal education code.
- ✓ Purchasing nearly all home economics and special needs food supplies from wholesale vendor instead of purchasing retail.
- ✓ Establishing a FreeSharing program in schools and Central Office whereby office supplies are shared between departments to better use existing supplies without making additional purchases.
- ✓ Performing an audit of postage paid envelopes at all schools to assure that older stock is used by adding postage stamps to them instead of purchasing new postage paid envelopes.
- ✓ Exploring the possibility of using alternative sources of energy to power the district.
- ✓ Some schools deciding to “Go Green” by emailing notices to parents instead of sending paper copies home.
- ✓ Saving valuable natural resources by posting important documents—like this publication— on the District Website instead of printing and mailing copies to residences.

