

Suggestions by John Monfredo converted to a motion:

Hot days -Principal contacts administration for assistance -

-Assistance could be but not limited to having the facility department bring over fans, air-conditioners, and whatever else is needed

Answer:

School administrators received directives from central office and Connect Ed calls were made to families during the heat spell in August 2018.. In addition, facilities bought fans and placed them in schools and activities were adjusted to account for the heat and humidity. The Administration is aware that staff and the EAW also provided fans for classrooms.

-Suggest to the principal to be sure that windows on the top floors are open at night

Answer:

Due to safety issues, the windows can't be left open at night.

-Encourage students to bring bottled water to school and provide water stations at the school

Answer:

Schools were provided with water stations from the nutrition office and students were also encouraged to bring water.

-Start immediately this year to review the shades and blinds at those schools with temperature problems. Work on identifying those schools and look for the needed funding to replace blinds or shades in areas that would impact the heat on those classrooms. Keeping the sun away from the classrooms would make a huge difference.

Answer:

Principals may notify facilities if there is a need to purchase or repair blinds.

-Contact area colleges close by and request assistance in placing students on the top floor to an area in their building

Answer:

School Administration will be encouraged to check with nearby community partners (e.x., UPCS and Clark University) for possible heat solutions such as using available classrooms. As might happen when schools are without heat in winter, classes might have to be relocated.

-As a last resort the Superintendent can close the building for the afternoon but there again this would impact transportation and place students alone at in their homes.

Answer:

Due to latch key issues and transportation problems, it is difficult to make a decision to close schools due to excessive heat.

In addition, I would like to recommend that administration or individual schools consider a "Go Fund Me" page or donor choose.org through the internet to fund resources for air conditioners or for the installation of over-head fans.

Answer:

We have the funds to supply air conditioners in emergency situations.

Another idea would be to look for cooperate sponsors for resources with signage for their donations.