

APPENDIX A

COST SAVINGS AND EFFICIENCIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017

TOTAL ANNUAL SAVINGS TO-DATE OF: \$ 595,302

\$15,808: The Director of Pupil Services found a company that arranges special education transportation runs that are provided for individual students to on private transportation vehicles approved for transporting school children.

\$6,563: The Director of Finance and Administration negotiated the price of the Student Accident Insurance down from \$34,881 to \$28,318.

\$19,325: One of the high school teachers, Jeremy Iverson, applied for and received a grant from Frontier Communications. The grant is to be used to purchase production equipment for the film courses and production room. This reduces the amounts that would be funded through the general fund.

\$8,300: The Director of Facilities is implementing another module of School Dude software for facility usage. The time staff spends and paper used to process, print, research, and invoice will be significantly reduced. The electronic process streamlines the flow of approvals and eliminates the need to physically track down an application.

\$2,000: All of the old style televisions mounted in the classrooms at Amity Regional High School are no longer needed. It was quoted to cost \$50 per TV to recycle. The Town of Woodbridge Transfer Station has agreed to take the TV's and recycle them for us.

\$1,000: All of the components of the fuel cell came in large crates and packing pallets. The wood used in these delivery means is very good. The Technical Education program at Amity Regional High School is dismantling the crates and pallets and using the wood for their program. This eliminates Fuel Cell Energy from disposing of a good resource and helps defray costs in the budget.

\$663: The District Office cut the number of copies of the New Haven Register delivered from 3 down to 1 copy.

ENERGY STAR CERTIFIED FACILITIES: Two of Amity's buildings were recently recognized as Energy Star certified! Amity Regional High School and Amity Middle School – Orange Campus recently were notified that their applications for an Energy Star rating were approved. Amity Middle School -Bethany Campus is currently under review by a different utility company. This recognition is a culmination of efforts by the Facilities Department, Finance Staff and Board of Education support to energy initiatives.

\$6,800: The T-8 bulbs are being replaced in the District with LED with our recent lighting project. The retired bulbs would cost \$0.64 per bulb to recycle. We have offered them to other school districts to avoid this cost. Many of the available bulbs have been picked up by 3 different districts.

\$1,070: Referendum mailing was done as a folded flyer rather than a stuffed envelope mailing. The flyer was printed and folded in house and no envelopes were purchased.

\$2,025: Older versions of Math textbooks that were no longer in use in Amity were sold to another school district. The funds were used to repair and/or purchase graphing calculators.

\$ 2,458: Xerox copier and print management contract was renegotiated. New machines with higher functionality will be leased at a lower cost. This savings is for half of the fiscal year as the new pricing starts January 2017.

\$522,358: Bonds were refinanced at a lower interest rate. Savings will be captured over the next eight years, with the largest amount in the 2017-2018 budget.

\$1,032: The postage meter lease was negotiated to upgrade the machines to digital from analog at a reduced price for Amity High School and District Office.

\$1,080: Fax lines were reduced due to copy machines being able receive faxes without a dedicated phone line and postage meters transmitting over the internet. The overall number of lines was reduced to produce this annual savings.

\$4,820: The Finance Department has cancelled the student activities module with Tyler Technologies- Munis since it did not meet our needs. The student activities accounts are still recorded in Munis but within the standard general ledger module.