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## **ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS**

The Swan Valley School Division recognizes its responsibilities regarding the protection of our environment and the encouragement of environmental awareness and understanding within the program offerings of our schools. Accordingly, the Division recognizes the "safeguard of our environment" to be a major focus in future planning and direction within the Division and as a major consideration in programming and decision making as follows:

1. Environmental cost and/or benefit will be regarded as a major consideration in decision making with regard to procurement decisions, the prioritizing and use of resources, and in waste disposal practises.
2. Encouragement of the consideration of integrating environmental awareness issues and topics within existing curricula, K - Grade 12, wherever possible and appropriate so as to promote and encourage environmental awareness amongst our student population; and to encourage activities at the individual school and classroom level which promote and illustrate sound environmental practises.

A Divisional committee will be organized, on an ad hoc basis, to consider environment issues as they relate to Division operations and programming.

Schools are encouraged to participate in community recycling programs and clean-up activities and in environmental programs such as SEEDS.