

Comments: Regarding school taxes and the increased hike in fuel spending. As a parent volunteer, I was aware that my child's classroom window was frequently left open this fall since the teacher felt it was uncomfortably hot and remarked on how the school could conserve energy and money by not blasting the heat all night. Is it worth turning the heat down a notch when no one is there? Energy will be a concern for all of us. I am inspired by the landowner in Hudson who has put forth a very serious proposal to create the first geothermal city by taking advantage of the alleyways to trench and install piping that would supply heat and air conditioning to all business and residents on the grid. This is the kind of forethought we need. In my wildest imagination, I can see doing the same thing in Germantown underneath the new sidewalks. Even the school, with its terrain, might possibly be able to supply its own energy like the Fisher Performing Arts Center.

I do know that trenching is less expensive than drilling wells. I'm not an expert in the details by any means, and obviously there is a cost, but the cost is certainly less if it can be spread out and shared. At any rate, I agree with the Dubac's letter and I feel that energy issues in the future will demand that we find communal solutions.

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