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Dear Building Curators:

As the semester comes to a close, please join your colleagues in reducing campus energy consumption over winter break. Our efforts last year saved the University over $11,000 in energy costs during one week, and the greenhouse gas reduction was equivalent to taking 23.9 cars off the road for a year.

Before leaving campus, computers and other electronics should be turned off and unplugged (or turned off at the power strip) whenever possible. Most electronics will still draw energy as long as they are plugged in, even if they are turned off. Also, close windows and shades, and report any maintenance items that come to your attention. If you have access to a thermostat, please set it back to 68 degrees. Finally, as you leave, please check that lights are turned off.

To help all of us remember these tasks at such a busy time, sticky notes with reminders are enclosed. Please share with your faculty and staff. If you need more, please contact Melanie Knowles, Sustainability Manager, at mknowle1@kent.edu or 672-8039.

As in previous years, University Facilities Management will be contributing to the energy conservation effort by setting back some building systems. By working together we will reduce costs of heating, ventilation, lighting, and plug loads on campus during the holiday schedule.

Thanks in advance for your participation in this energy-saving initiative.

Happy Holidays,

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