

JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 19-08-21C

COMMITMENT TO ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ACTIONS

WHEREAS, Jefferson Elementary School District's Board of Education believes it is important to advocate for actions to curtail climate change, one of the greatest threats facing communities throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, we believe that climate change should not be a partisan nor political issue and that local, state, and national policies, practices and decisions should be guided by the best available science; and

WHEREAS, there is a broad scientific consensus among climate scientists that human activities, contributing to increases in greenhouse gas emissions, are the dominant cause of climate change; and

WHEREAS, children represent a particularly vulnerable group because greenhouse gases emitted into the atmosphere will accumulate over the coming decades and will profoundly impact today's children throughout their lives as well as the lives of future generations; and

WHEREAS, the global impact, urgency, and magnitude of the challenge of addressing climate change calls for leadership in all sectors of society, including locally elected officials and education leaders; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Elementary School District works to ensure that all of the District's students become knowledgeable citizens of the world; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson Elementary School District, as the manager of many education-related facilities and as an education leader, should take responsibility for minimizing its environmental impact, demonstrating leadership in environmental protection, and providing education opportunities and actionable solutions that students and employees can pursue to address environmental challenges; and

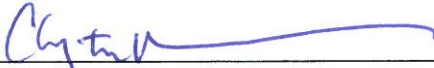
WHEREAS, Jefferson Elementary School District has already installed electricity-generating solar panels at all of its sites to reduce dependence on fossil-fuel generated electricity and electric vehicle charging stations at two locations in the District, encourages all sites to engage in activities like composting and recycling that reduce the waste stream going into landfill, engages school communities in gardening and tree planting and considers installation of appliances and fixtures that are energy efficient; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jefferson Elementary School District Board of Education support the exploration, development, and the continuation of educational and practical initiatives at the local school level to address environmental challenges and create a healthier environment for District students, families, and communities.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Jefferson Elementary School District Board of Education encourages other locally elected bodies to join with them in partnership towards this effort.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF AUGUST 2019

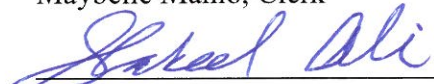
In Witness Whereof,



Clayton Koo, President



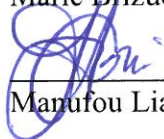
Maybelle Manio, Clerk



Shakeel Ali

Absent

Marie Brizuela



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