



**Chico Unified School District**  
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**RESOLUTION NO. 1457-19**

**2019 CALL TO CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION**

WHEREAS, we believe America is a great nation and has proud heritage of addressing humanity's most pressing problems;

WHEREAS, we believe it is important to advocate for climate action leading to climate restoration to curtail threats facing communities throughout the world; and,

WHEREAS, we believe that climate change is not a partisan issue and that local, state, and national policies 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 continue to accumulate over the coming decades and will profoundly impact our current students throughout their lives, as well as the lives of future generations; and,

WHEREAS, in 2015 the California PTA has declared climate change a children's issue;

WHEREAS, climate change impacts *all* people and disproportionately impacts *all* young people and future generations;

WHEREAS, 21 youth claimants are currently asserting a constitutional right for a livable climate in the *Juliana v. U.S.* case currently in federal courts and dozens of other youth claimants are making similar claims in state courts around the country; and

WHEREAS, the global impact, urgency, and magnitude of the challenge of addressing climate change calls for leadership in all sectors of society; and,

WHEREAS, national and state elected leaders working in a bipartisan fashion to enact carbon pricing policies could substantially reduce human-made greenhouse gas emissions, thereby protecting our current and future students; and,

WHEREAS, we work to ensure that our over 12,000 students graduate as safe, supported, engaged, and meaningfully challenged individuals who are successful academically, socially, and emotionally; and

WHEREAS the Chico Unified School Board celebrates existing district sustainability initiatives such as CHPS certified schools; and

WHEREAS, the Chico Unified school board recognizes and understands the significant negative impact that rapid and ongoing climate change has on America's schools, students, and their communities.

**LET IT THEREFORE BE RESOLVED THAT**, the Chico Unified School Board supports action to address climate change and commits to continue to address climate change in the following areas:

1. Construction of new facilities that conform to LEED and CHPS standards;
2. Operational projects including transportation, maintenance, and operations;
3. Nutrition Services including initiatives to increase use of locally produced foods; and
4. Continue efforts to increase solar and other non-fossil fuel energy; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chico Unified School District calls on Congress to take swift and effective action on climate change to protect current and future students.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education distributes official copies of this resolution to the Butte County Superintendent of Schools, District 13 Parent Teacher Association, the State Superintendent of Education, the California State School Board Association, and the Schools for Climate Action campaign.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a meeting of the Governing Board of the Chico Unified School District of Butte County on

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENCES:

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_.

**SIGNED by the Members of the Chico Unified Board of Education:**

_____	Linda Hovey, President
_____	Elizabeth Griffin, Vice President
_____	Kathy Kaiser, Clerk
_____	Tom Lando, Member
_____	Eileen Robinson, Member