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**RESOLUTION 540.19
CALL TO CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION**

Calling on Congress and State Legislatures to Act on Climate to Protect Students

WHEREAS, we believe America is a great nation and has a 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 one of the greatest 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, the majority of climate scientists agree 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, the Woodland Hills School Board recognizes climate change as a generational justice and human rights issue; and,

WHEREAS, climate change is a social justice and equity issue. While climate change impacts all people and disproportionately impacts all young people and future generations, it disproportionately affects people of color and people in poverty, thereby exacerbating existing inequities and limiting equality of opportunity which is a foundational aspiration for modern America;

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

WHEREAS, national and state elected leaders working in a bipartisan fashion to enact carbon pricing policies could quickly reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and,

WHEREAS, the Woodland Hills 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 Woodland Hills School Board shall direct the Superintendent to establish a Climate Change Committee to develop recommendations for taking action on climate change that are within the purview of the District, such as:

1. Curricular and educational opportunities such as climate literacy and climate advocacy;
2. Facilities and operational priorities and projects including transportation, purchasing, maintenance, landscaping, and construction;
3. Climate-friendly food service: including initiatives to increase food waste reduction programs;
4. Engagement and non-partisan advocacy with local, state and federal jurisdictions for commonsense climate policies that protect current and future students;

The Committee shall be open to participation by board members, administration, staff, parents, students, and community members, and shall provide quarterly reports of its activities to the Board.

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