



# SAN LUIS COASTAL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Resolution No. 22-17-18

### ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE

**WHEREAS** schools have the potential to make positive, tangible environmental change in the world while teaching students to be stewards of their communities, the earth, and its resources; and

**WHEREAS** the California PTA adopted a “Climate Change is a Children’s Issue” resolution in 2015 that urges school districts to serve as role models for practices that promote energy conservation, alternative energy sources, reducing dependency on automobile travel and encouraging sustainable practices; and

**WHEREAS** many options and choices exist for schools and their staff to use natural resources more efficiently; to reduce, reuse and recycle; to produce more sustainably sourced lunches; and to purchase clean energy and environmentally preferable products and supplies to protect our environment; 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 call for leadership in all sectors of society, all institutions, and all elected leaders; and

**WHEREAS** San Luis Coastal Unified School District may join other school districts in minimizing greenhouse gas emission, demonstrate leadership, provide education and actionable solutions that students can engage in to address climate change, and work to ensure that all students graduate as knowledgeable and globally-minded citizens;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED THAT** San Luis Coastal Unified School District will engage in and support solutions to reduce the impacts of climate change for future generations.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that San Luis Coastal Unified School District will hereby support:

- Continued assurance that new buildings and modernization of existing buildings use environmentally sensitive building materials, as well as efficient use of energy, water, and other resources whenever possible;
- Support collaboration efforts with cities and outside agencies to create safe routes for students to bike and walk to school;
- Support piloting “exemplar” programs at the elementary, middle school, and high school level for recycling and composting programs, and encourage all schools within the district to participate;

- Continued evaluation of sustainability improvement efforts for the school lunch program (e.g., more locally sourced and/or organic foods, more vegetarian options, less processed/packaged food);
- Endeavor to create and maintain school gardens as hands-on learning experiences that promote good nutrition and stewardship of the land; and
- Integration of studying climate change into next generation science standards and state-adopted curriculum.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this fifth day of June 2018, on the following roll call vote:

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSENT OR NOT VOTING:**

**SAN LUIS COASTAL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Board President or Clerk

**ATTEST:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Board Clerk or Secretary