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**Schools for Climate Action Prepares for Upcoming Summit by Passing Resolutions to Address Climate Crisis**

**March 13, 2019** – The first ever *Schools for Climate Action Summit* will be held in Washington, D.C on March 28. The Summit is the brainchild of the advocacy campaign nonprofit with the same name – [Schools for Climate Action](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fschoolsforclimateaction.weebly.com%2F&data=02%7C01%7C%7Cd2140759778b47d643f908d6a61d7fbf%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C636879042963508906&sdata=IuPqw9oXut1bz8Rbm9ltWntreK8JvVTWEFbTO86oH5U%3D&reserved=0) (S4CA) – which provides schools with the non-partisan tools to help convince politicians to mitigate the effects of the worsening climate crisis. Hundreds of youth and adult teams representing school districts, and student councils, PTAs, and educators’ associations will hand-deliver non-partisan *Climate Action Resolutions* to every Congressional Office during the Summit.

"Educators help prepare the next generation for the future, but their future will be bleak if our federal elected leaders don’t address the climate crisis,” said Park Guthrie, the Co-Founder of S4CA and a 6th-grade teacher in Sonoma County, California. “In response, we formed Schools for Climate Action to ensure the voice of students and educators are heard. The centerpiece of the upcoming *Schools for Climate Action Advocacy Summit* will be giving every U.S. Senator and Representative *Climate Action Resolutions* from school districts, boards, student councils, and PTAs with an urgent message: Congress has a moral imperative to act quickly and boldly on climate change to limit harm to students and future generations*.*”

Guthrie added, “While many of these young people might not be able to vote by 2020, they are prepared to help get out the vote for those who will address climate change. To protect our young people and future generations, we need elected leaders who are ready to confront the climate crisis with decisive, common-sense solutions in both political parties.”

In December 2017, Sebastopol Unified School District passed the first S4CA resolution calling on politicians to act on climate change. In the relatively short amount of time since then, S4CA has grown rapidly into a national campaign. To date, thirty-six school boards, seven student councils, three parent-teacher associations, two educators’ unions, and one national educational organization have issued a total of forty-nine *Climate Action Resolutions*.

"Climate change impacts millions of students and young people around the United States and the world,” said S4CA Co-Director and sixteen-year-old California high school student Jonah Gottlieb. “This includes direct effects, such as students missing school due to natural disasters exacerbated by climate change, such as fires, floods, polar vortexes, and storms. However, the all-encompassing, intersectional nature of this generational justice issue means that there are many indirect consequences as well, such as the financial burden placed on young people and the negative effects climate change has on the mental and physical welfare of children. The inaction of our elected leaders on climate change, an issue that will disproportionately affect students and future generations, has compelled young people to get involved in our political process."

From March 27-29, hundreds of students, teachers, parents, school board trustees, and allies from around the country will march through the halls of Congress. They will be hand-delivering the resolutions to all 535 members of Congress (and six non-voting delegates). On the morning of March 28, they are also hosting the S4CA Advocacy Summit in the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center, complete with panels, speeches, and a sizeable media presence, including a documentary crew from American University. The event sponsors are [Schools for Climate Action](http://www.schoolsforclimateacton.org/) and [Young Voices for the Planet](https://www.youngvoicesfortheplanet.com/).

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[Schools for Climate Action](http://www.schoolsforclimateacton.org/), a non-partisan, youth-adult, grassroots campaign to empower school communities to speak up for climate action.

[Young Voices for the Planet](https://www.youngvoicesfortheplanet.com/), a nonprofit that strives to limit the magnitude of climate change and its impacts by empowering children and youth, through uplifting and inspiring success stories, to take an essential role in informing their communities — and society at large, challenging decision-makers, and catalyzing change.