

Call to Climate Action Resolution
Bend Education Association

WHEREAS anthropogenic climate change is one of the greatest challenges facing humanity;

WHEREAS climate change is neither a partisan nor a political issue;

WHEREAS climate change is inherently threatening our own educational environment with the rising sea levels and increasing temperatures;

WHEREAS, climate change is a social justice and equity issue. While climate change impacts all people and disproportionately impacts all young people and all 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.

WHEREAS---we have the technology and the economic strength for bold climate action; we need public and political will to meet the challenge of restoring our climate;

WHEREAS, all Americans from all political parties, religions, ethnicities, rural, urban, suburban communities and from all corners of the nation could unify behind the cause of restoring America's leadership on climate change action, for the good of our generation, the youth, and for all subsequent generations.

WHEREAS, time is of the essence and the actions we take in the next few years will have repercussions, both positive and negative for generations to come;

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT...

1. We declare climate change a generational justice and human rights issue;
2. We, as a union, endorse equitable and effective state and national carbon pricing policies and call on all staff, voters, leaders, and institutions to join us in advocating for and implementing these policies rapidly in order to restore the climate.
3. We call on all youth, all adults, and all institutions to advocate for and to take climate action in order to protect this generation and future generations. Climate change should be considered as part of district decisions.
4. We encourage student councils, school district boards, county boards of education, state boards of education, other Teacher Unions, and the board of the Bend LaPine School District, as well as the National School Board Association to all pass climate action resolutions in order to protect current and future students.
5. We encourage our teachers, school board members, and superintendent to engage with local, state, and federal jurisdictions and elected leaders to engage in non-partisan advocacy for science-based policies to restore the climate.

6. We respectfully request that those people closest to the Members of Congress who are the most disengaged from climate change work to shift the Member's perceptions and beliefs about the issue and how it directly affects the students we serve.

7. Bend Education Association will work cohesively with the Oregon Education Association, student groups, schools, and the school board in publicizing the movement for climate justice.

8. Bend Education Association will actively update the members on the Schools for Climate Action campaign in order to involve as many members as possible.

9. We encourage our school district to form a multi-stakeholder committee to develop a Climate Action Plan for the Bend LaPine School District.