



Board Resolution #2018.3.12

COMMITMENT TO CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION

March 12, 2018

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

WHEREAS, we believe that climate change is not a partisan nor political 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 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 Sonoma County Office of Education has encouraged local districts to engage in non-partisan climate advocacy;

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

WHEREAS, the Credo High School Board recognizes climate change as a generational justice and human rights issue; and,

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 substantially reduce or eliminate net human-made greenhouse gas emissions, thereby protecting our current and future students; and,

WHEREAS, we work to ensure that all Credo High School students graduate as college-ready One Planet citizens,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Credo High School Board celebrates One Planet sustainability initiatives, is a One Planet school, and has been awarded planetary leader status by Bioregional, Inc.

## One Planet Principles

The One Planet framework consists of ten simple principles that make it easy to plan, deliver and communicate your commitment to sustainability.

Health and happiness	Encouraging active, social, meaningful lives to promote good health and wellbeing
Equity and local economy	Creating safe, equitable places to live and work which support local prosperity and international fair trade
Culture and community	Nurturing local identity and heritage, empowering communities and promoting a culture of sustainable living
Land and nature	Protecting and restoring land for the benefit of people and wildlife
Sustainable water	Using water efficiently, protecting local water resources and reducing flooding and drought
Local and sustainable food	Promoting sustainable humane farming and healthy diets high in local, seasonal organic food and vegetable protein
Travel and transport	Reducing the need to travel, encouraging walking, cycling and low carbon transport
Materials and products	Using materials from sustainable sources and promoting products which help people reduce consumption
Zero waste	Reducing consumption, reusing and recycling to achieve zero waste and zero pollution
Zero carbon energy	Making buildings and manufacturing energy efficient and supplying all energy with renewables

LET IT THEREFORE BE RESOLVED THAT, Credo High School shall direct the Executive Director to establish a One Planet Climate Change Committee to develop recommendations for taking action on climate change that are within the purview of the District, such as:

- (a) curricular and educational opportunities such as climate literacy, climate advocacy, and climate justice curriculum and graduation requirements;
- (b) facilities and operational priorities and projects;
- (c) targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions; and,
- (d) engagement and non-partisan advocacy with local, state and federal jurisdictions for science-based 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 of Trustees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Credo High School Board calls on Congress to take swift and effective action on climate change to protect current and future students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Credo High School Board directs the administration to direct official copies of this resolution to the following: the Superintendent of County Schools, the State Superintendent of Education, the Congressional Climate Solutions Caucus, the California State School Board Association, the National School Board Association, and all California members of Congress.

On motion of Member Turner, seconded by Member Yardley, the above resolution is adopted:

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board on March 12, 2018.

By the following vote:

AYES: Members (name): Yardley, Turner, Martinez

NOES: Members (name):

ABSENT: Members (name): Freed, Hennessy

I, Sam Turner, Clerk/Secretary to the Governing Board, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution passed and adopted by the Governing Board at a regularly called and conducted meeting held on said date.

WITNESS my hand this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.

Signed:

  
Secretary of the Governing Board of Credo High School