

CAMPBELL UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Trustees

RESOLUTION #54-05-16-19
CLIMATE ACTION

WHEREAS, America is a great nation with a proud heritage of addressing humanity's most pressing problems; and

WHEREAS, we consider it critical to advocate for action leading to climate restoration in order to curtail the greatest threat 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, there is a broad scientific consensus that human activity contributing to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions the dominant cause of climate change; and

WHEREAS, inaction on this issue will allow greenhouse gases to continue to accumulate over the coming decades, thereby profoundly impacting the lives of our students and those of future generations; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 the California Parent Teacher Association has declared climate change a children's issue; and

WHEREAS, the Campbell Union High School District recognizes climate change as a generational justice and human rights issue; and

WHEREAS, climate change is a social justice and equity issue, impacting all young people and future generations, and disproportionately affecting people of color and people in poverty, thereby exacerbating existing inequities and limiting equality of opportunity which is a foundational aspiration for modern America; 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 human-made greenhouse gas emissions, thereby protecting our current and future students; and

WHEREAS, we believe that our graduates need the chance to environmentally and sustainably shape the future of the world that they and all future generations will inhabit; and

WHEREAS, Campbell Union High School District celebrates existing district sustainability initiatives such as:

1. Reducing our reliance on fossil fuels by installing solar panels across our district
2. Encouraging our staff and community to rely less on gas vehicles by installing electric vehicle charging stations across our district
3. Installation of LED lighting to reduce energy consumption
4. Putting a heightened focus on green building strategies throughout the Measure AA campaign
5. Supporting school-based green/sustainability initiatives and recycling programs

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Campbell Union High School District Board of Trustees calls on Congress to take swift and effective action on climate change, such as enacting a revenue-neutral carbon fee and dividend, to protect current and future students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Campbell Union High School District Board of Trustees directs the Superintendent or their designee to transmit official copies of this resolution to the following: the Superintendent of County Schools, the State Superintendent of Education, the California State Board of Education, the Co-Chairs of the Congressional Climate Solutions Caucus, the California State School Board Association, our state and national representatives in Sacramento and Washington D.C., and the Schools for Climate Action campaign.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Campbell Union High School District Board of Trustees on May 16, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Attested to:

Kalen Gallagher, President
CUHSD Board of Trustees

Kristiina Arrasmith, Clerk
CUHSD Board of Trustees