



Mt. Washington Elementary PTA

Climate Action Resolution

A resolution of the Mt. Washington PTA calling for Congressional action on climate change

March 8, 2019

WHEREAS, there is agreement among scientists that human activities which create greenhouse gas emissions are the main cause of climate change; and,

WHEREAS, the global impact, the urgency, and the magnitude of climate change calls for leadership and action in all sectors of society, all institutions, and all elected leaders; and,

WHEREAS, we believe that climate change is not a partisan issue and that local, state, and national decisions should be guided by the best available science; and,

WHEREAS, young people are unfairly impacted by national climate inaction because greenhouse gases will continue to build up over the coming decades and will create a burden throughout our lives, as well as the lives of future generations; and,

WHEREAS, in 2015 the California PTA declared that climate change was a “children’s issue”;

WHEREAS, dozens of school boards and student councils in 6 states have passed climate action resolutions since December of 2017;

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT. . .



1. We declare climate change a generational justice, human rights, social justice, and equity issue;

2. We call on Congress to swiftly end decades of climate neglect by passing commonsense national climate policies, such as carbon-pricing, a 100% clean energy transition plan, and/or green infrastructure investments, to restore the climate for the good of young people and future generations;

3. We thank the school boards, student councils, teachers' unions, PTAs, and education sector associations who have already spoken up for climate justice by passing their own climate action resolutions. We encourage the remaining 13,000+ school boards in the country, including the, Los Angeles Unified School District and the California State Board of Education, to break silence about climate justice and speak up to protect our generation and future generations.

4. We encourage all student councils, teachers' unions, PTA's, and education support organizations (such as the state and National School Boards Associations, the state and national school administrators' association, and the state and National School Psychologists Association) to pass climate action resolutions similar to ours, calling on Congress to enact climate policies to protect current and future students.;

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT

1. We ask our PTA secretary to transmit official copies of this resolution to our school administration, the Schools for Climate Action campaign, PTAs in our area, our district, county, and state school boards, our district teachers' union and PTA, the California School Boards Association, all California members of Congress, the Congressional Climate Solutions Caucus, and the National School Board Association (NSBA).



Votes: Ayes: 10 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0

Signed by:

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