

FREMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Fremont, California

RESOLUTION NO. 021-1819

COMMITMENT TO CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION

WHEREAS, Fremont Unified School District is a strong district that is proud to commit to actions against climate change;

WHEREAS, it is important to advocate for climate action leading to climate restoration to end one of the greatest threats facing communities throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, 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 continue to 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, climate change is a social justice, equity 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, we work to ensure that all Fremont Unified School District students graduate as civically engaged advocates for equity and social justice in our changing community and world.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fremont Unified School District Board celebrates existing district sustainability initiatives such as:

- *Collaborating with existing municipal, county and state climate action plans.*
- *Supporting local, state and nation Safe Routes to School programs.*
- *Continuing to increase amount of clean energy utilized.*
- *Supporting sustainable facilities for both new construction and retrofits.*
- *Evaluating measures that increase environmental sustainability, while remaining financially sustainable.*

LET IT THEREFORE BE RESOLVED THAT, the Fremont Unified School District Board shall ask the Superintendent to collaborate and take action on climate change in manners that are within the purview of the District, such as:

- curricular and educational opportunities such as climate literacy, climate advocacy, and climate justice curriculum;
- facilities and operational priorities and projects including transportation, purchasing, maintenance, landscaping, and construction;
- climate-friendly food service: including locally sourced food and food waste reduction programs;
- engagement and non-partisan advocacy with local, state and federal jurisdictions for common sense climate policies that protect current and future students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education calls on the U.S. Congress to take swift and effective action on climate change to protect current and future students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education asks the Superintendent to share official copies of this resolution to the following: the County Superintendent of Schools, all student councils in the district, the District Bargaining Units/Employee Organizations and the California School Boards Association.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of February, 2019 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Michele Berke, President

Desrie Campbell, Vice President

Larry Sweeney, Clerk

Ann Crosbie, Member

Dianne Jones, Member

Pallas Chou, Student Member