

Lincoln Middle School PTSA
Resolution: Climate Change Is a Children's Issue

WHEREAS, There is broad scientific consensus that Earth's climate is warming at an unusual pace compared to natural changes in climate experienced in the past; and

WHEREAS, There is broad scientific consensus among climate scientists that human activities, contributing to greenhouse gases, are the dominant cause in climate warming; and

WHEREAS, Children represent a particularly vulnerable group already suffering disproportionately from both direct and indirect adverse health effects of climate change; and

WHEREAS, The greenhouse gases emitted into the atmosphere will accumulate over the coming decades and will profoundly impact today's children as adults and future generations;

WHEREAS, In 2015, the California State PTA urged its units, councils and districts to educate parents on the impact of climate change on children's health and future welfare; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Lincoln Middle School PTSA urges its fellow PTA units and the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) to educate parents on the impact of climate change on children's health and future welfare; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Lincoln Middle School PTSA urges SMMUSD to educate students on climate and energy literacy and human sustainability; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Lincoln Middle School PTSA urges SMMUSD to support programs and strategies to make schools more climate-safe and energy efficient to prepare children for climate changes already underway; and be it further

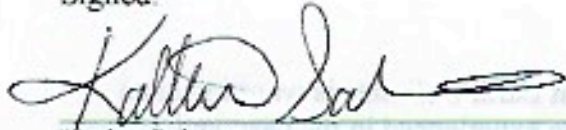
RESOLVED, That the Lincoln Middle School PTSA urges SMMUSD to serve as a role model for practices that promote energy conservation, alternative energy sources, reducing dependency on automobile travel and encouraging sustainable practices; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Lincoln Middle School PTSA consider climate change a children's issue and urge its fellow units and school district (SMMUSD) to advocate for comprehensive local, state and national legislation to substantially reduce human-made contributions to climate change and to mitigate its impact on children's health.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Lincoln Middle School PTSA calls

on Congress to take swift and effective action on climate change.

Signed:



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BACKGROUND SUMMARY

According to thousands of peer-reviewed studies, the Earth's temperature is warming and the dominant causes are human activities. In California, climate change will cause more frequent and intense forest fires, more air pollution and deadly heat waves, a significant reduction in the snowpack and state water supplies, sea level rise and erosion along California's long coastline.

Today's children are already being impacted by climate change. In our own school district, the Woolsey fire in November 2018 caused students in Malibu to miss weeks of school, and destroyed the homes of many of our students and teachers. Because of their physical, physiological, and cognitive vulnerability, children are more susceptible to adverse health effects from environmental hazards. As impacts of climate change worsen in the coming years, anticipated direct health consequences of climate change will include injury and death from extreme weather events and natural disasters, increases in climate-sensitive infectious diseases, increases in air pollution-related illness, and more heat-related, potentially fatal, illness. By rallying to protect and prepare our children today, we help the nation, the planet and future generations.