

COMMITMENT TO CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION

, 2018

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

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 _____ 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 _____ students graduate as _____ (link to mission statement/LCAP of school district)

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

a. Enumerate existing district initiatives

LET IT THEREFORE BE RESOLVED THAT, _____ shall direct the Superintendent to establish a 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 District 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 Board of Education calls on 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 directs the district clerk to transmit official copies of this resolution to the following: the Superintendent of County Schools, all student councils in our district in neighboring districts, the district teacher's union, all district PTA's, all county Superintendents of Schools, the State Superintendent of Education, the Congressional Climate Solutions Caucus, the California State School Board Association, the National School Board Association, all California members of Congress, and the Schools for Climate Action campaign.