

RESOLUTION # 2018-501

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TWIN HILLS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

RESOLUTION REGARDING CLIMATE CHANGE

WHEREAS, We believe it is important for us to advocate for climate action to curtail one of the greatest threats facing communities throughout the world; and,

WHEREAS, We believe that climate change should neither be a partisan nor political issue and that policies should be guided by the best available science; and,

WHEREAS, There is broad scientific consensus among climate scientists that human activities contributing to increases in greenhouse gas emissions are the dominant cause in 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 today's children throughout their lives as well as the lives of future generations; and,

WHEREAS, Twin Hills Union School District recognizes climate change as a children's 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 Twin Hills Union School District students graduate as "globally-minded citizens"; and,

WHEREAS, Twin Hills Union School District has a responsibility to minimize its greenhouse gas emissions, demonstrate leadership, and provide education and actionable solutions that children can engage in to address climate change, and

LET IT THEREFORE BE RESOLVED THAT, Twin Hills Union School District shall establish a Green Schools Committee to apply for the CA Green Schools Award, and to develop recommendations to take action on climate change that are within the purview of the district: such as: curricular and educational opportunities; targets for reducing District greenhouse gas emissions; and engagement with local, state and federal jurisdictions. The Committee shall be open to participation by board members, administration, staff, parents, students, and community members, and shall provide biannual reports of its activities to the Board of Trustees.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of April, 2018, at a regular meeting of the Twin Hills Union School District Governing Board in Sebastopol, CA, on a motion by trustee Ost, seconded by trustee Rainwater, by the following vote:

AYES: 4

NOES: 0

ABSENT/
ABSTAIN: 1

Terry Beck	<u>Aye</u>
Monica Brent	<u>Aye</u>
Josh Katz	<u>absent</u>
Michael Ost	<u>Aye</u>
Maben Rainwater	<u>Aye</u>



President, Board of Trustees

I, Michael Ost, Clerk of the Board of Trustees of this school district, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was regularly introduced, passed, and adopted by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held on April 12, 2018.



Clerk, Board of Trustees