

# RESOLUTION

## COMMITMENT TO CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION

WHEREAS,

we believe it is our responsibility as elected school board officials to advocate for the needs of children; and,

WHEREAS,

we believe it is important to advocate for climate education and action to address one of the greatest threats facing children - present and future - in communities throughout the world; and,

WHEREAS,

we believe that climate change should not be 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 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,

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, local, 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 Telluride R-1 School District students graduate as knowledgeable citizens of the world.


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Telluride Board of Education shall continue to encourage non-partisan advocacy and engagement with local, state and federal jurisdictions advocating for reducing the impacts of greenhouse gas emissions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Telluride Board of Education through the Superintendent of Schools will continue to encourage and support the following initiatives:  
We will connect with existing municipal, county, and state climate action plans.  
We will support local Walk and Roll to School and public transportation programs.  
We will purchase energy from clean energy providers and support local renewable energy efforts.  
We will continue robust recycling programs.  
We will support efficient facilities for both new construction and retrofits (ex. Insulation and lighting)  
We will encourage curriculum that educates students about the science of Earth's climate and human's impact therein.  
We will encourage opportunities for student participation in local, state and national decisions that impact Earth's climate.

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