

COMMITMENT TO CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION

February 1, 2018

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 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 Sonoma County Office of Education recognizes climate change as a human 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, 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 Sonoma County students graduate as knowledgeable citizens of the world.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sonoma County Board of Education shall encourage local school districts to participate in 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 County Office of Education through the County Superintendent of Schools will 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 programs.
- We will purchase energy from clean energy providers.
- We will continue robust recycling programs.
- We will support efficient facilities for both new construction and retrofits (ex. insulation and lighting).

SONOMA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Resolution No. 17-18-15

The foregoing resolution was moved by Trustee _____, seconded by Trustee _____, and adopted at a regular meeting of the Sonoma County Board of Education on February 1, 2018, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) SS
COUNTY OF SONOMA)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 1st day of February 2018.

Herman G. Hernandez
President
Sonoma County Board of Education

Steven D. Herrington, Ph.D.
Superintendent and
Secretary to the Board of Education