

**SOQUEL UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

March 21, 2018

Topic: Consider Adopting a Resolution on Climate Change

Presented By: Scott Turnbull, Superintendent

Type of Item: **Action**

BACKGROUND

At the last board meeting, on March 7, 2018, a member of the public shared a resolution from another school district that acknowledged climate change and asked the SUESD to consider the same.

STATUS

At tonight's meeting, *Superintendent Turnbull* will recommend adopting a Resolution on that acknowledges the human impact on climate change and what can be done to mitigate that impact so that the generations of children we educate can thrive in a healthy environment. The Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) address this very issue from an objective/scientific viewpoint.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the board adopt a resolution on Climate Change.

Attachment: Resolution on Climate Change

SOQUEL UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

**RESOLUTION #11-2017-18
IN THE MATTER OF 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 be neither 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, Soquel Union Elementary 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 Soquel Union Elementary School District students graduate as "globally-minded citizens"; and,

WHEREAS, Soquel Union Elementary 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, Soquel Union Elementary School District shall prepare students who are aware of the correlation of climate change and certain human activities as expressed in the Next Generation Science Standards.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Soquel Union Elementary School District Board of Trustees at a regular meeting held on the 21st day of March, 2018; by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Scott Turnbull, Superintendent and
Secretary to Board of Trustees

Sandra Wallace, President
Board of Trustees