

10. In April 2018, [Asheville City Council](#) adopted legislation for a carbon fee and dividend policy to address climate change<sup>2</sup>.
11. In October of 2018, [Asheville City Council](#) adopted a resolution calling for an city-wide transition to 100% renewable energy by 2030<sup>3</sup>.
12. In 2018 more than 25 school boards have passed non-partisan resolutions building political will for national climate action to protect students.
13. The American Federation of Teachers, on February 3, 2017 passed “A Just Transition to a Peaceful and Sustainable Economy.” “The resolution outlines the broad consensus on the need for climate action and affirms AFT’s commitment to climate justice, including support for legislation that places a fee on carbon pollution”<sup>4</sup>.
14. The specific costs to school infrastructure including the loss of buildings and lands as well as declines in tax revenue and increases in insurance rates has not been determined, however it is expected to be billions of dollars.

Due to these facts, the AHS Student Government Association states the following:

1. We declare climate change a generational justice and human rights issue.
2. We call on Congress to swiftly end 30 years of climate neglect by enacting national policies to restore the climate for the good of young people and of future generations.
3. We thank the school boards who have spoken up for climate justice by passing their own climate action resolutions. We encourage the remaining 13,000+ school boards in the country, including the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, should go beyond mandating every NC students to learn about climate change (in Earth & Environmental Science) by passing their own climate resolution.
4. We encourage all student councils, teachers’ unions, PTA’s, and education support organizations to pass climate action resolutions similar to ours, calling on Congress to enact climate policies to protect current and future students.

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<sup>2</sup> Burleson, A. (n.d.). City Council Meeting Materials. Retrieved December 3, 2018, from [https://www.ashevillenc.gov/departments/city\\_clerk/city\\_council\\_minutes.htm](https://www.ashevillenc.gov/departments/city_clerk/city_council_minutes.htm)

<sup>3</sup> Burleson, A. (n.d.). City Council Meeting Materials. Retrieved December 3, 2018, from [https://www.ashevillenc.gov/departments/city\\_clerk/city\\_council\\_minutes.htm](https://www.ashevillenc.gov/departments/city_clerk/city_council_minutes.htm)

<sup>4</sup> Gable, M. (2018, January 22). America's teachers speak up for climate action. Retrieved December 3, 2018, from

<https://citizensclimatelobby.org/americas-teachers-speak-climate-action/>