

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VISTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 20-02
CALL TO CLIMATE ACTION

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, in 2015 the California PTA has declared climate change a children's issue; and,

WHEREAS, the VUSD School Board recognizes climate change as a generational justice and human rights issue; and,

WHEREAS, we work to ensure that all Vista Unified students graduate as knowledgeable citizens of the world.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Vista Unified School District shall establish and lead a Climate Action Committee to develop recommendations for taking action on climate change that are within the purview of the District, such as:

Curricular and educational opportunities such as climate literacy, climate advocacy, and climate justice curriculum, developing sustainable practices by conservation and use of renewable resources, climate-friendly food service, efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other climate-friendly efforts.

The committee shall be open to participation to board members, administration, staff, parents, students and community members and shall provide reports/recommendations as appropriate to the Board of Trustees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the VUSD Board of Trustees calls on Congress and our State Legislature to swiftly enact common sense state and national climate policies in order to restore the climate and protect young people and future generations; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the VUSD Board of Education directs the district clerk to transmit official copies of this resolution to the following: the Superintendent of County Schools, Associated Student Body (ASB) at high schools, Vista Teacher Association, CSEA 389, Vista Unified Council of PTA's, California Schoolboard Association, CA State and Federal Representatives, & Governor and Lt. Governor

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Vista Unified School District this 25th day of July, 2019.

President, Board of Trustees
VISTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Secretary, Board of Trustees
VISTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT